

**22883****PATENT**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on



7.26.00 *Arlette Malhas*  
By: Arlette Malhas

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED**

APR 19 2001

Technology Center 2600

Applicant(s): Regula, J.  
Assignee: Sebring Systems.  
Title: Method and Apparatus for a Fault Tolerant, Software Transparent and High Data Integrity Extension to a Backplane Bus or Interconnect  
Serial No.: 09/421,771 Filed: 10/19/99  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned. Group Art Unit: 2737  
Attorney Docket No.: 136.1001.04

Los Altos, California

Date: July 26, 2000

RECEIVED  
MAR 30 2001  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

**BOX ISSUE FEE (Amendments)**  
c/o Technology Center 2700  
US PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT  
FOR APPROVAL BY EXAMINER (37 CFR 1.121(a)(3)(ii))**

Sir:

Attached please find a copy of the original of Figs 2, 5b, 13a, 13b, and 21 with red ink markings, showing the proposed changes to the drawing in this application. Applicant requests the Examiner to approve the proposed changes.

The proposed change to Fig. 21 corrects a mislabeled signal line 2115.

The proposed change to Fig. 5b moves the signal lines on Fig. 5b to new Fig. 5c to respond to the draftsperson's objection as to view and enlarged view. The proposed change to Fig. 2 is also responsive to this objection.

# PATENT

On reviewing the drawings, we determined that Fig. 13a, and 13b had similar view problems and added brackets accordingly.

No new matter was added by these proposed changes.

We are ready to file the formal drawings and await your approval prior to doing

If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 947-0700 x309.

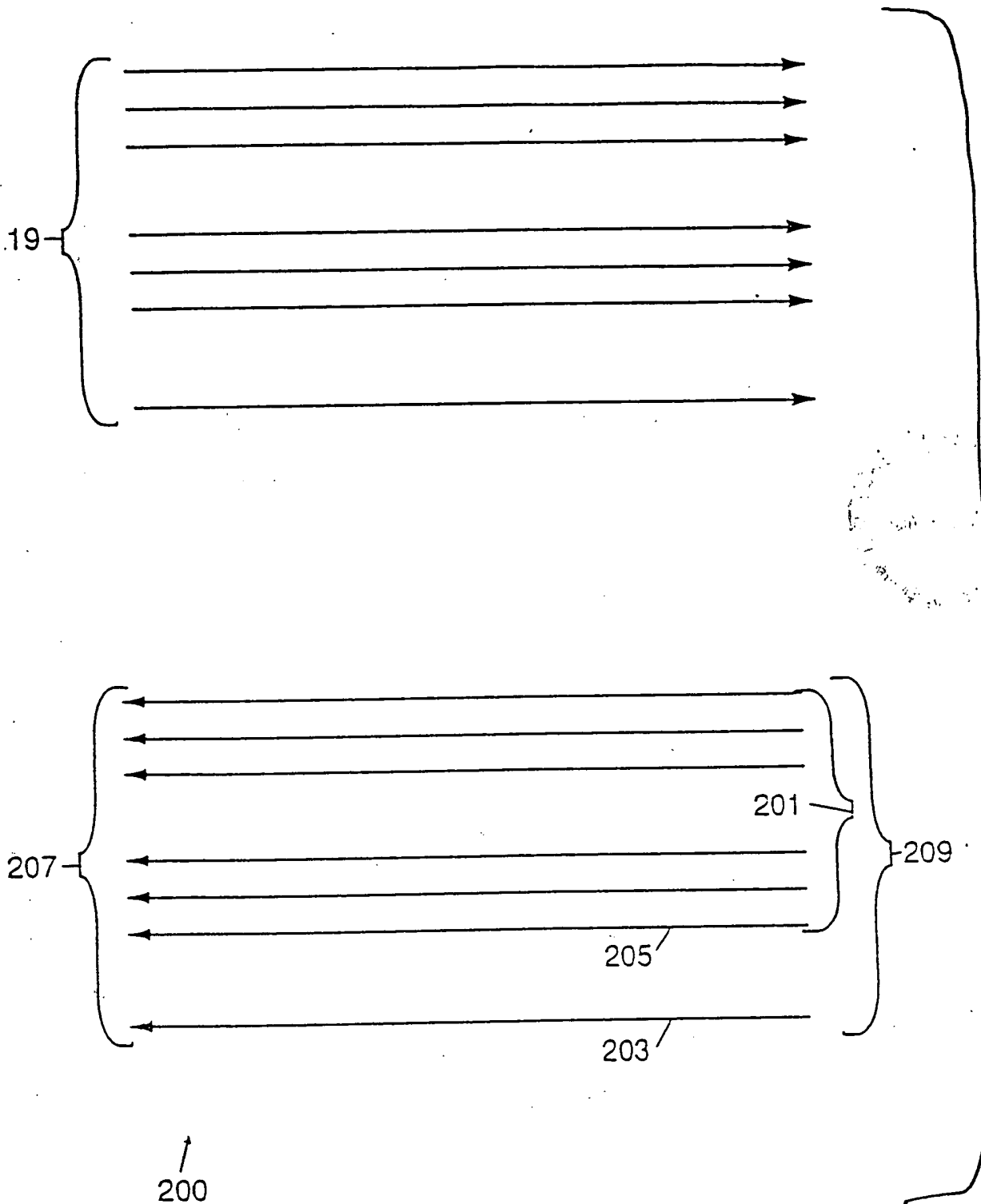
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7-26-00



John C. Merchant  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No.: 45,996





*Fig. 2*

Fig. 5c

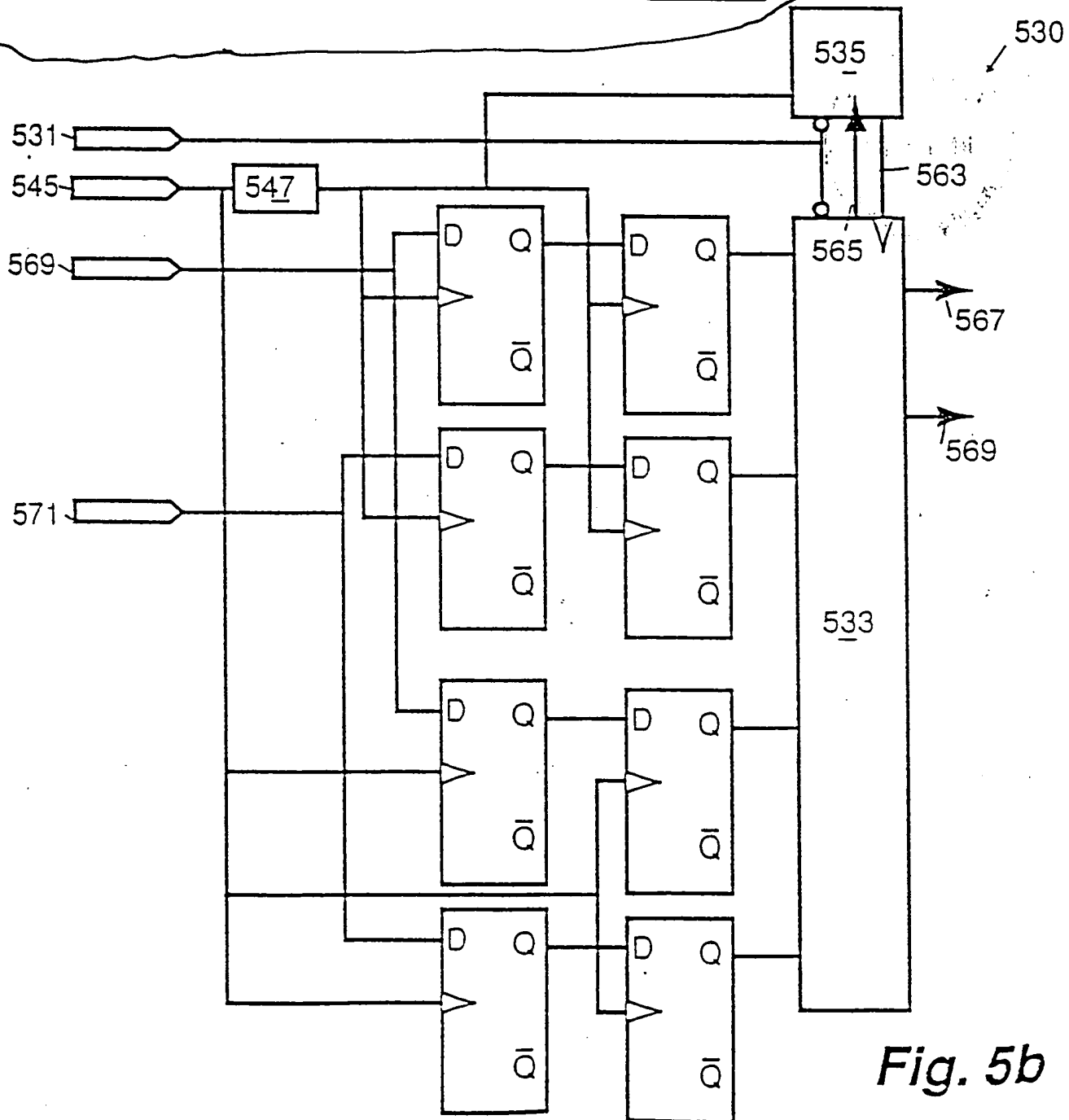
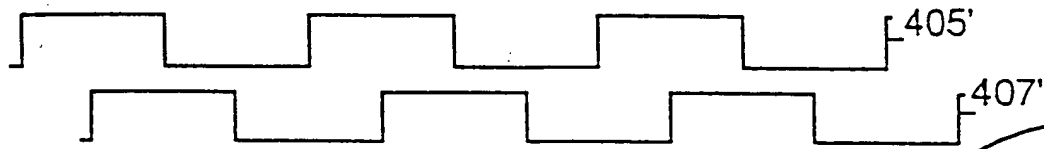
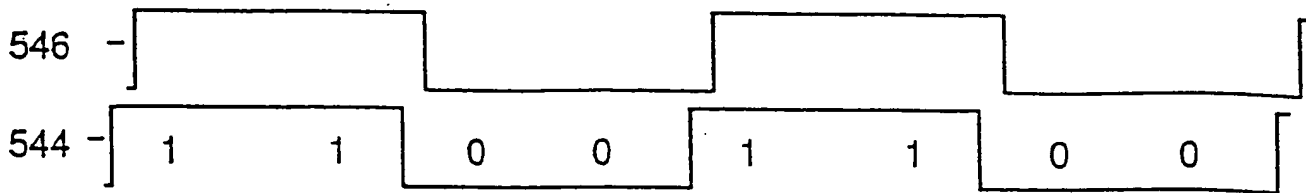
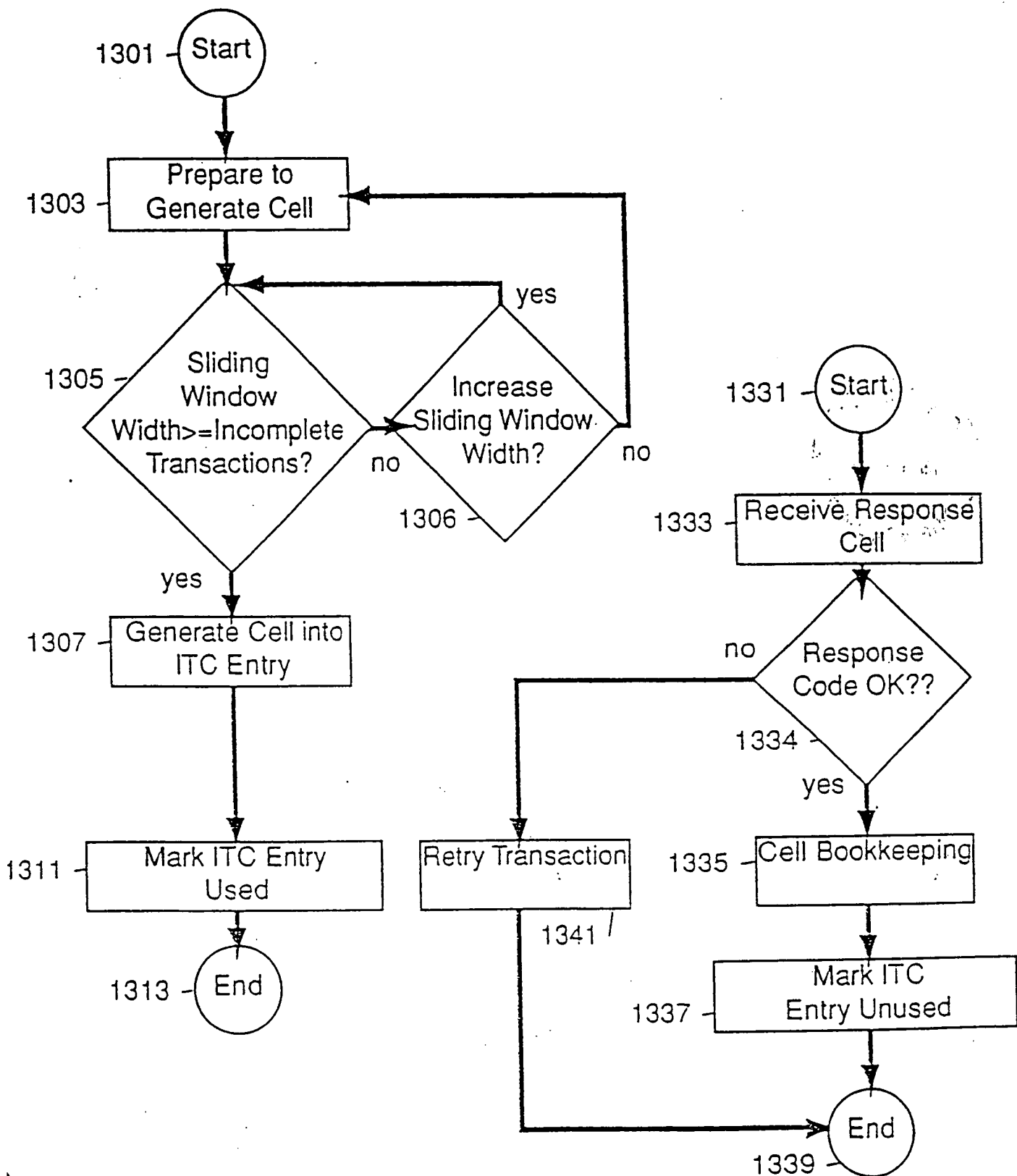
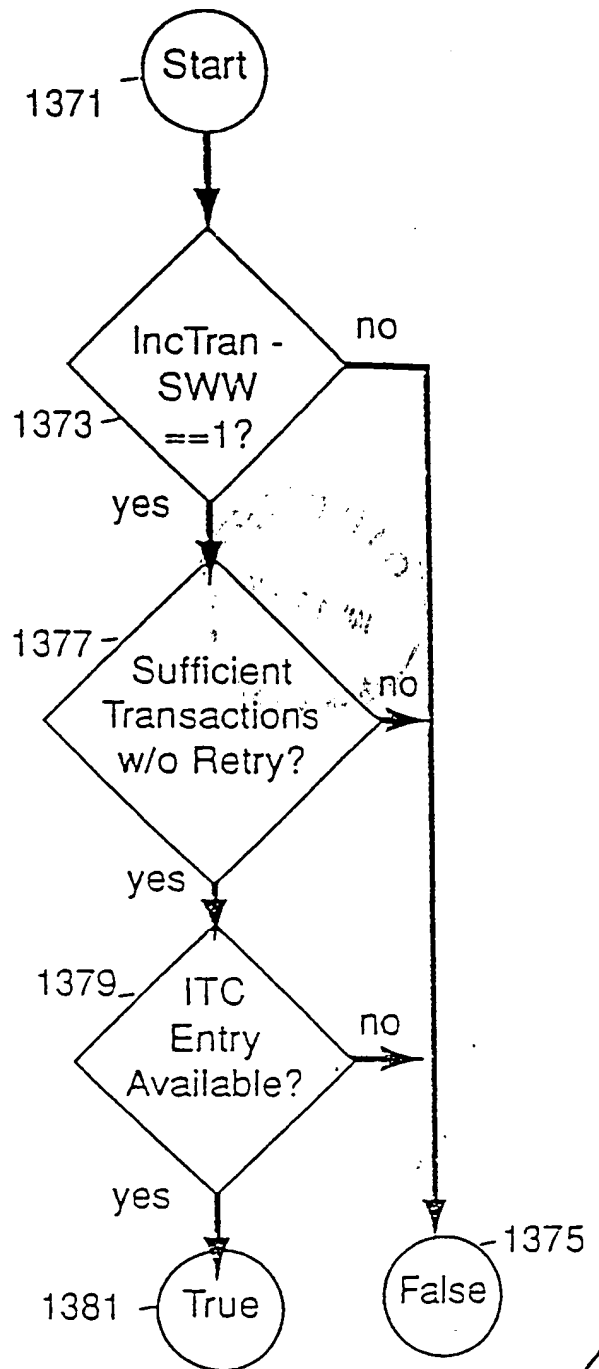
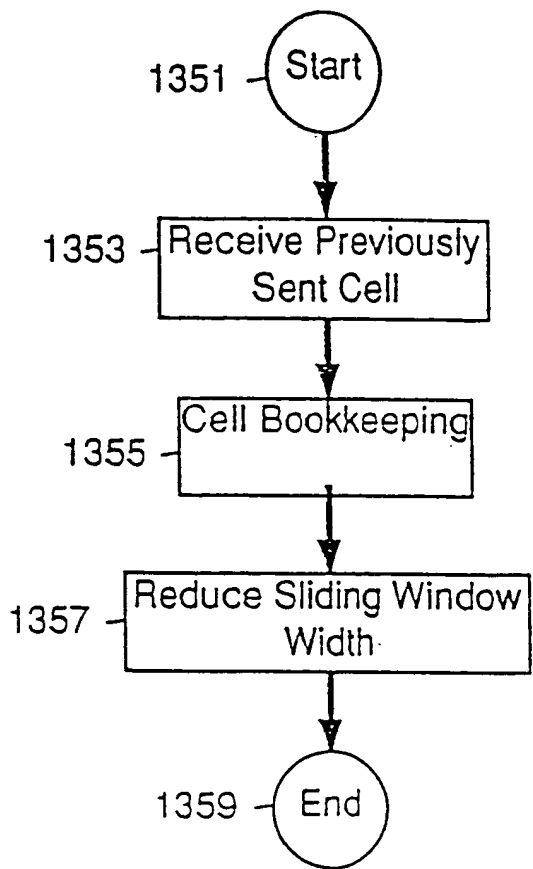


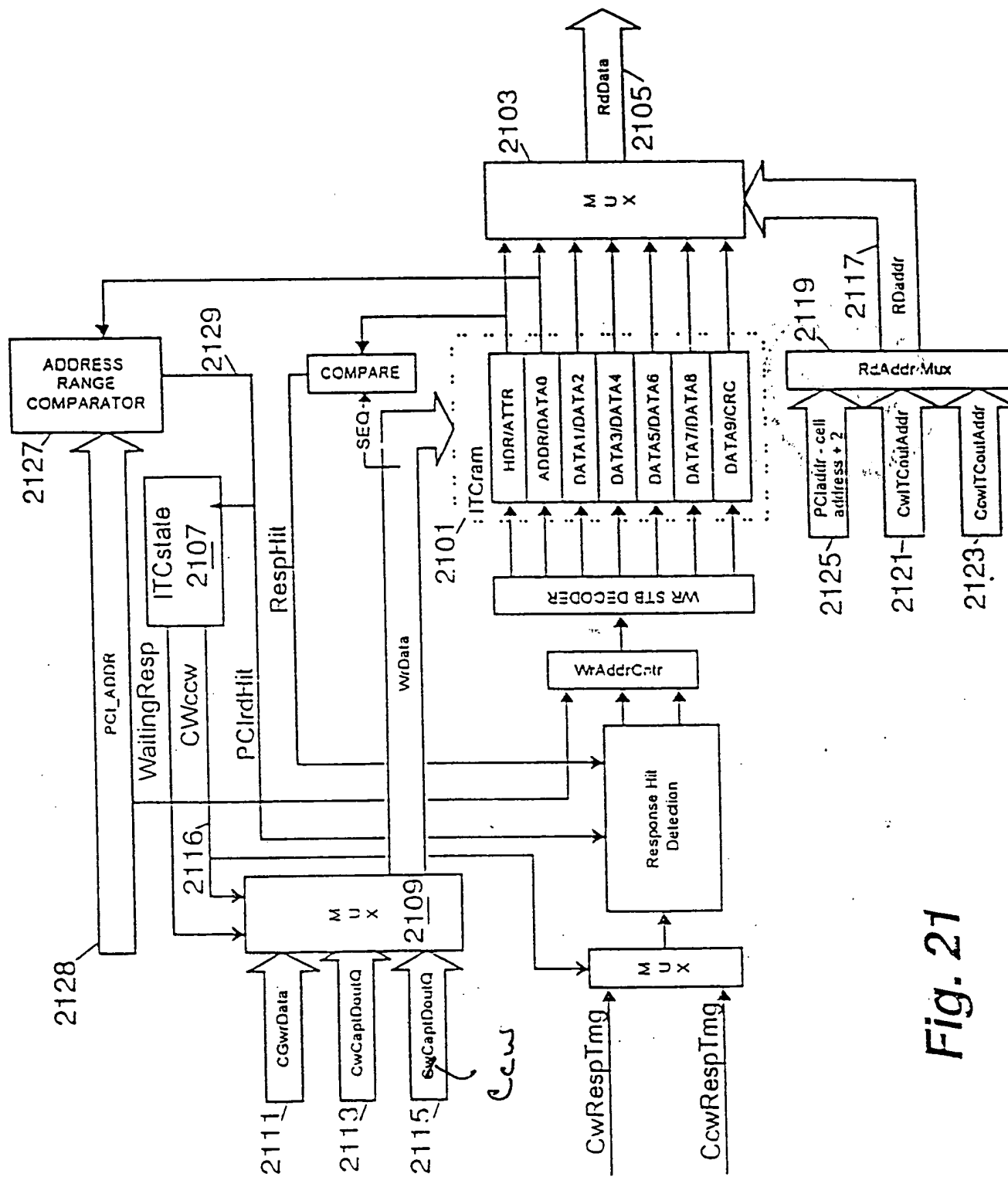
Fig. 5b



**Fig. 13a**



*Fig. 13b*



4400 3.0

1/28

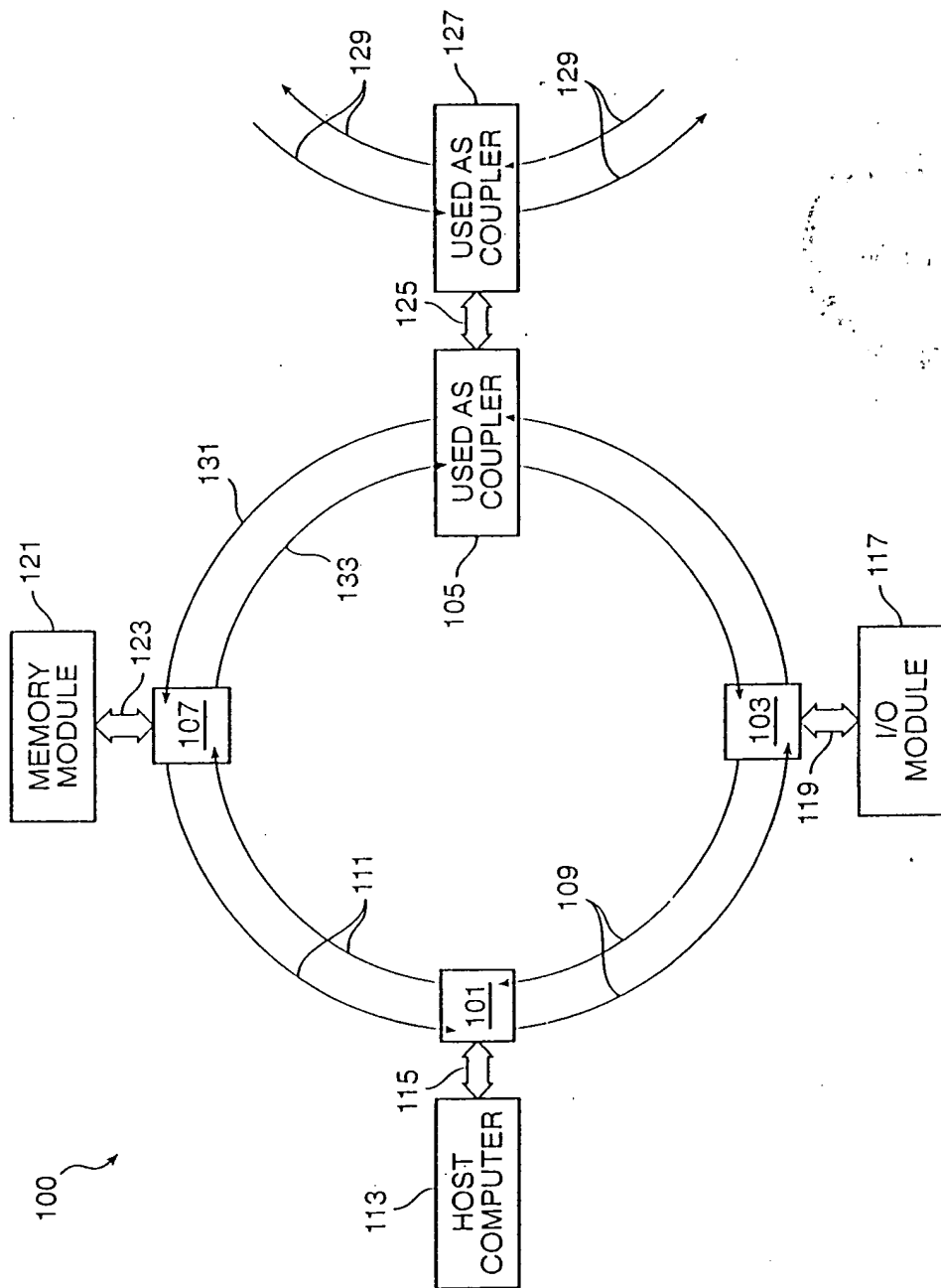


FIG. 1a



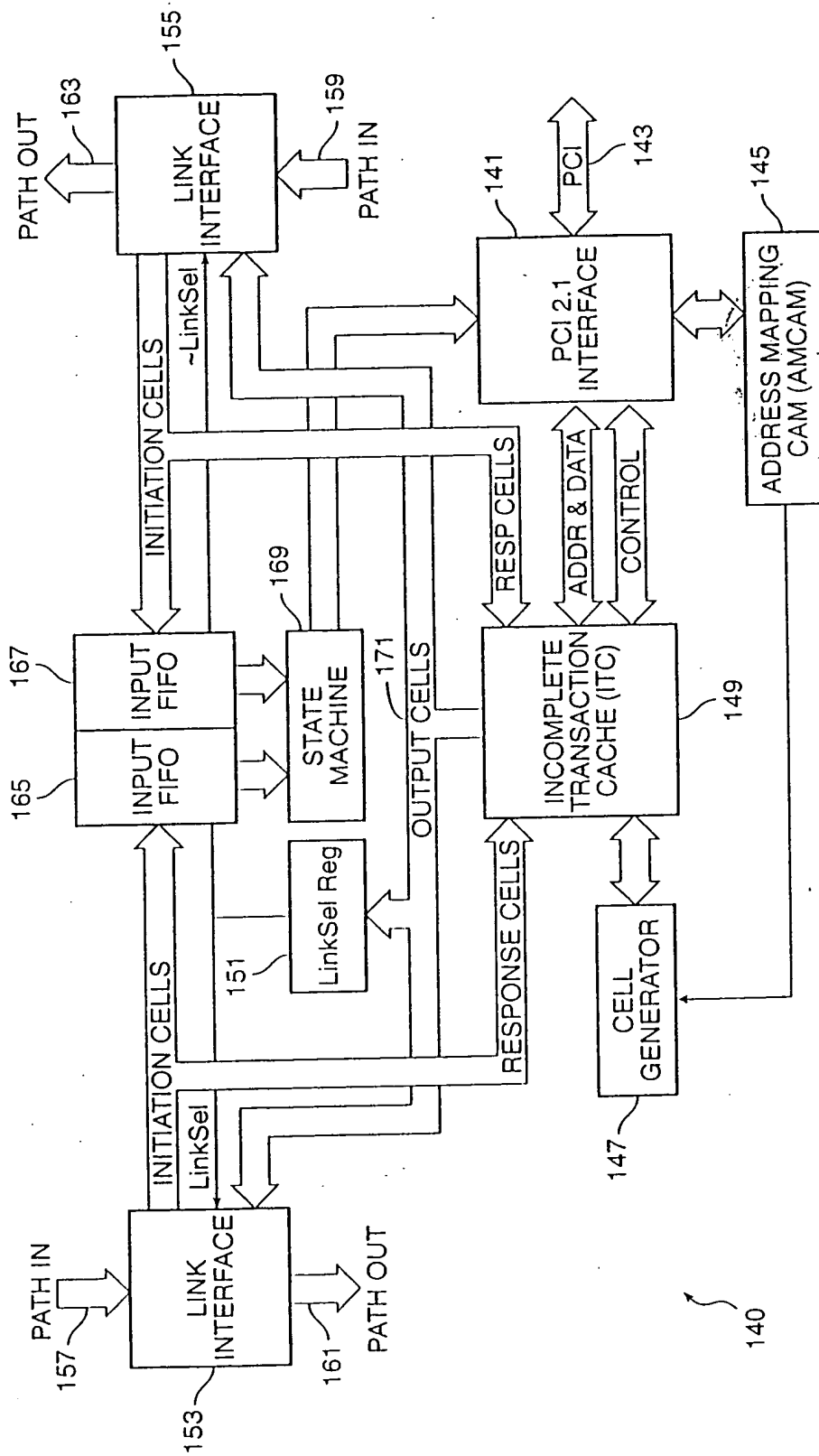
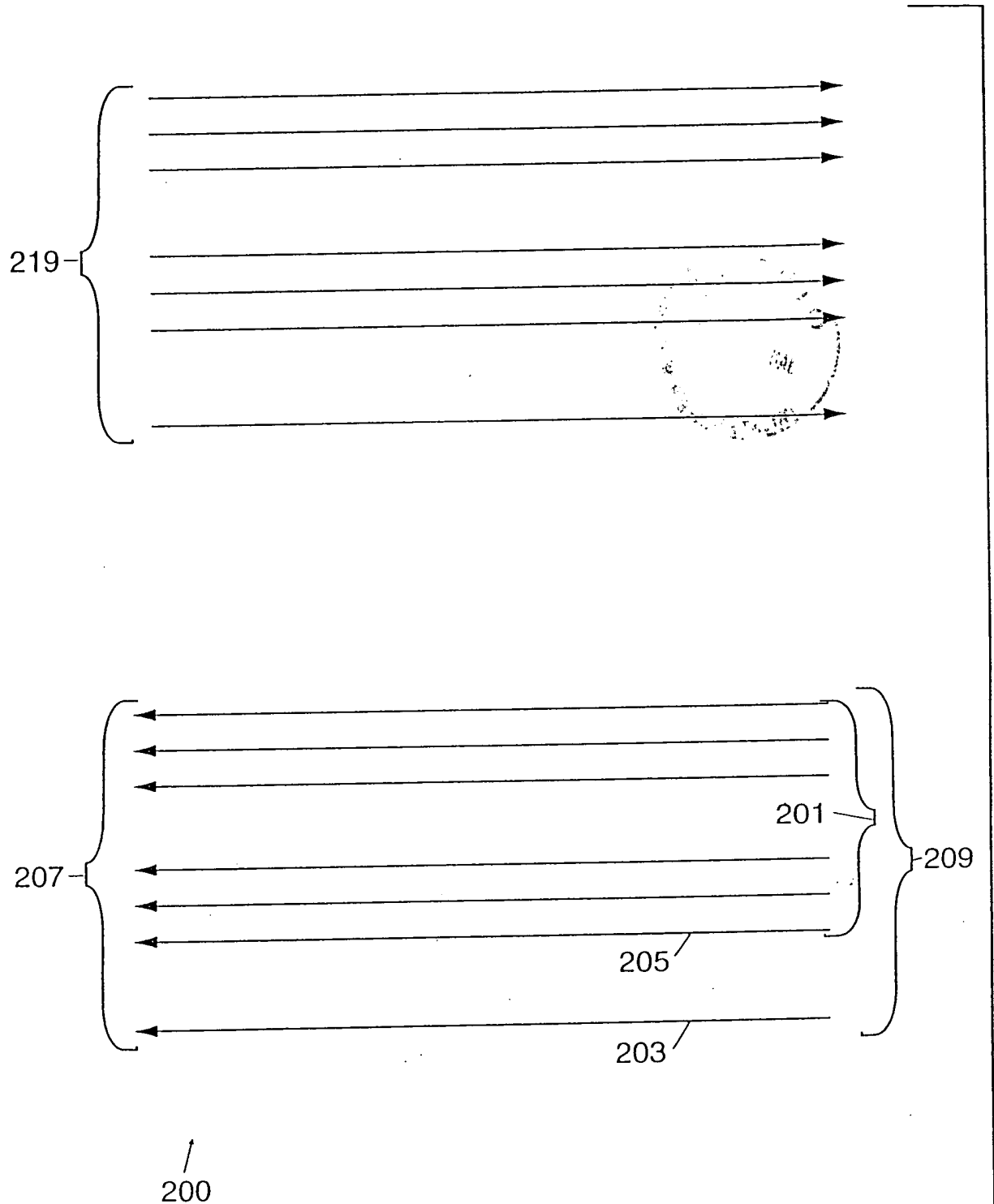
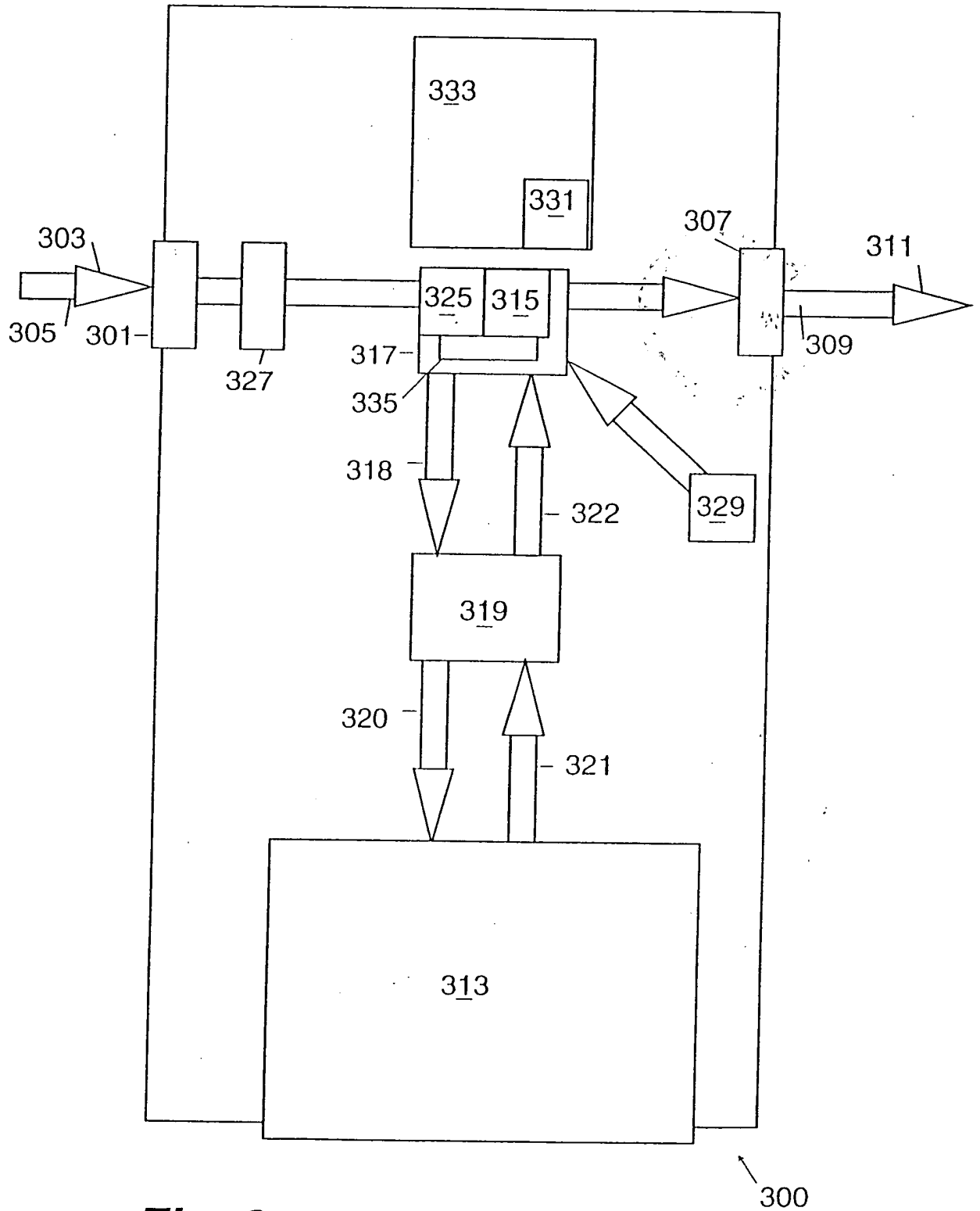


FIG. 1b

3/28



**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 3**

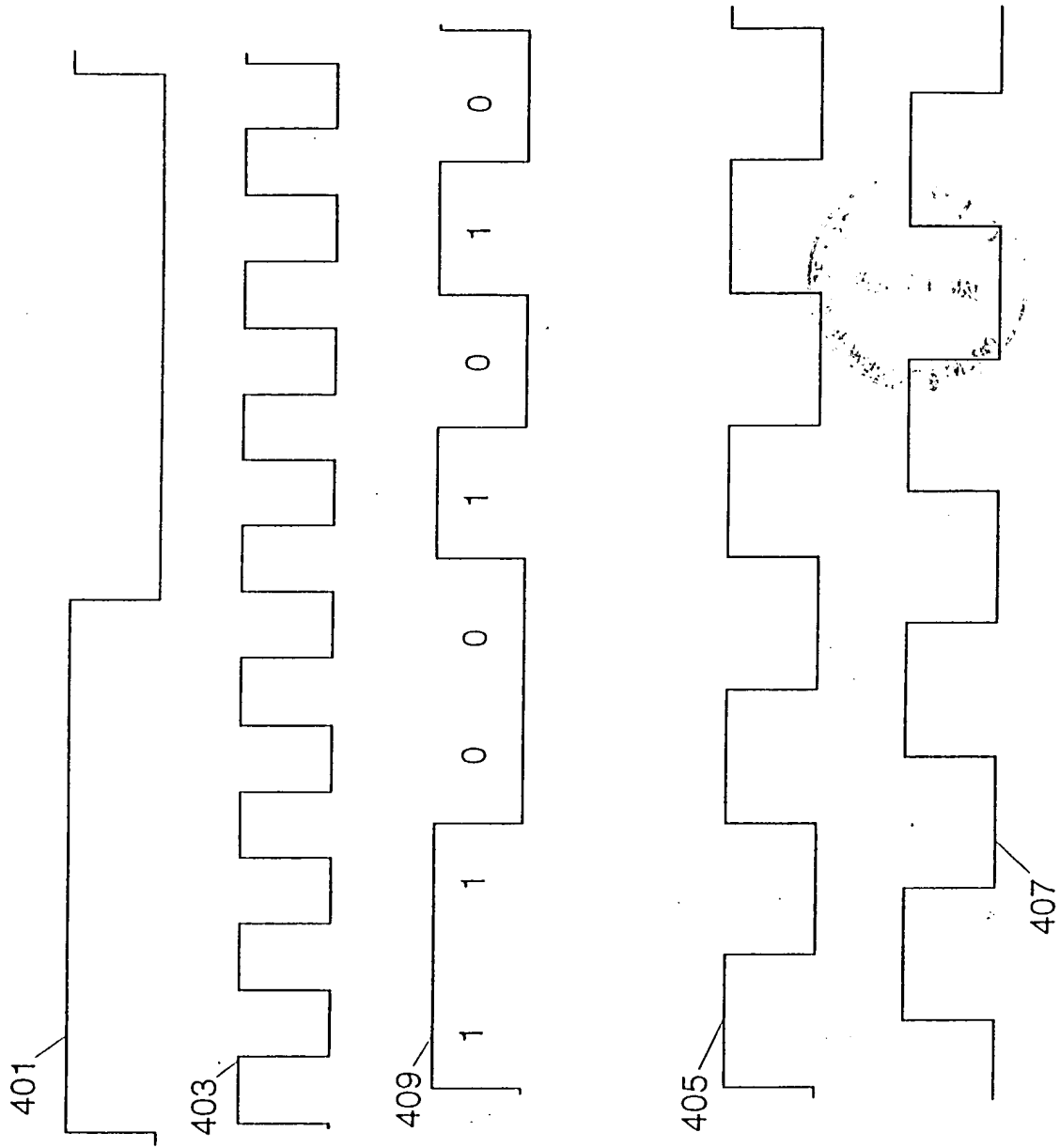


Fig. 4

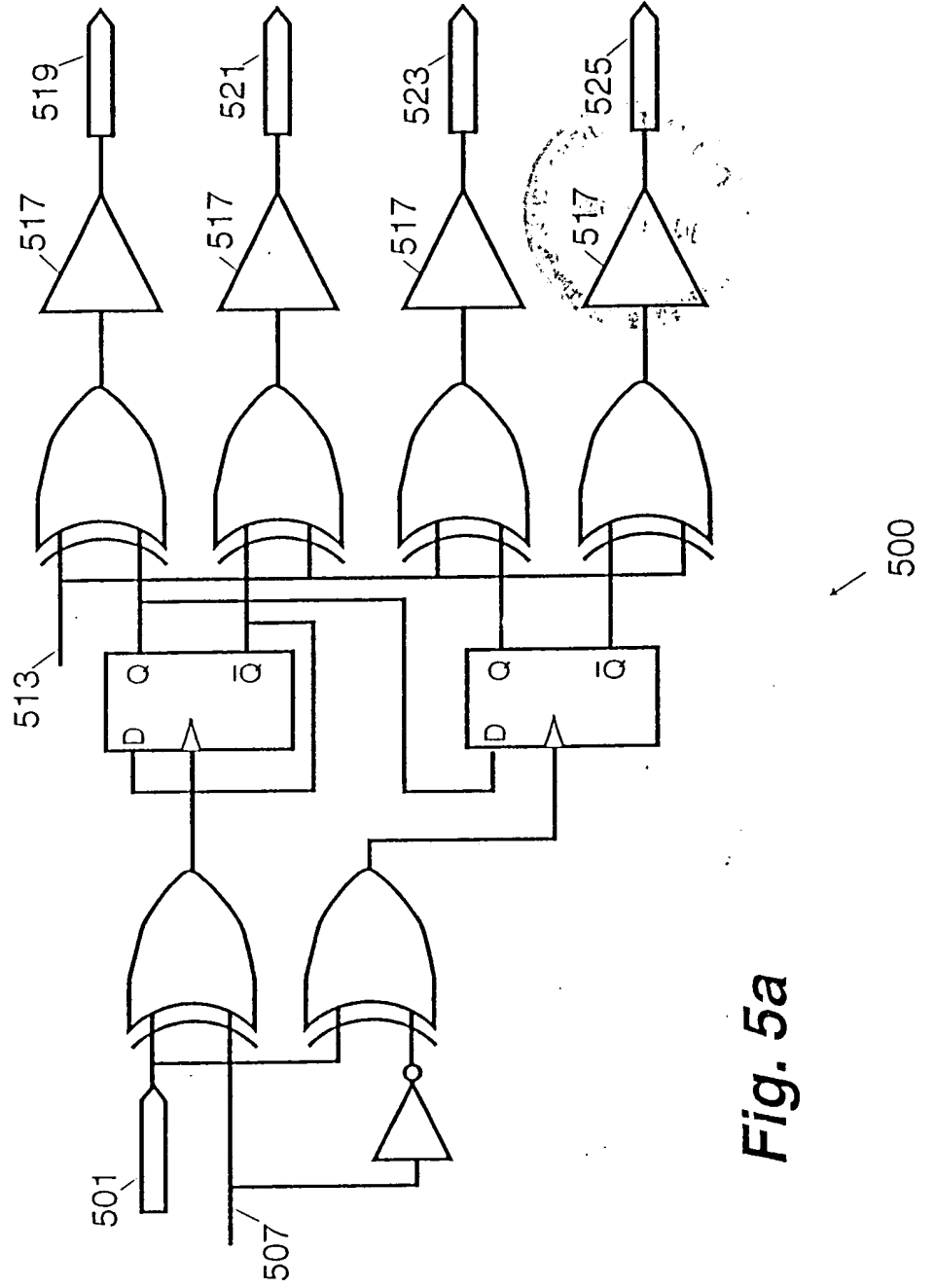


Fig. 5a

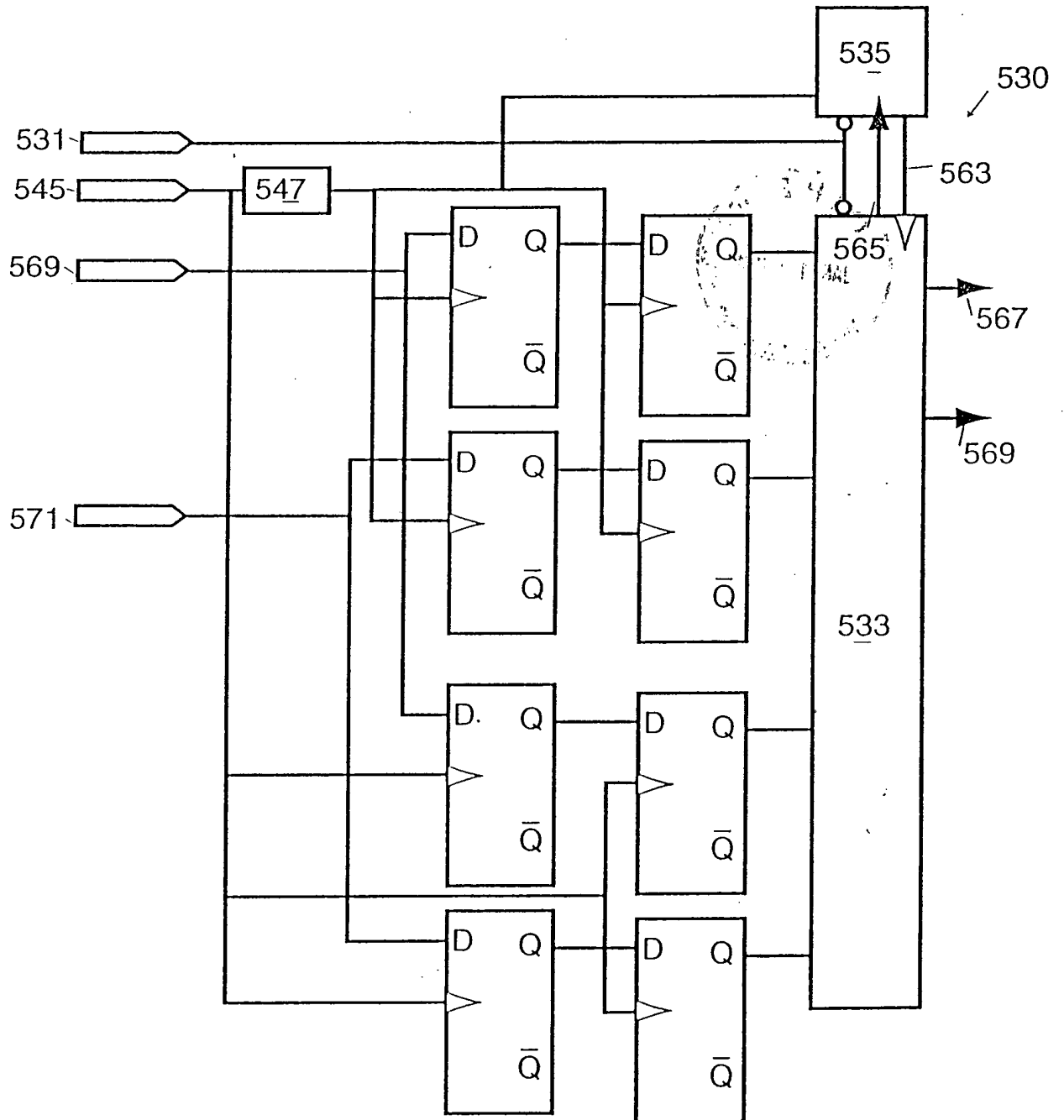


Fig. 5b

8/28

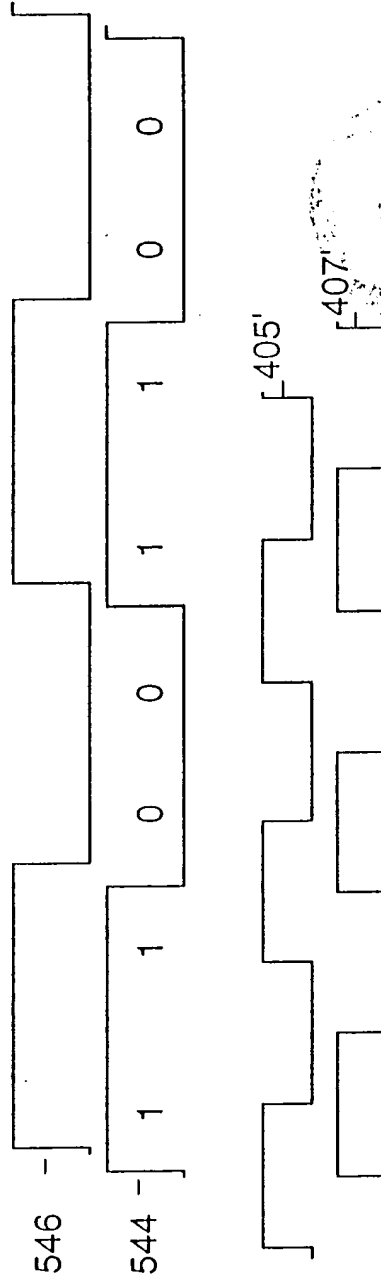
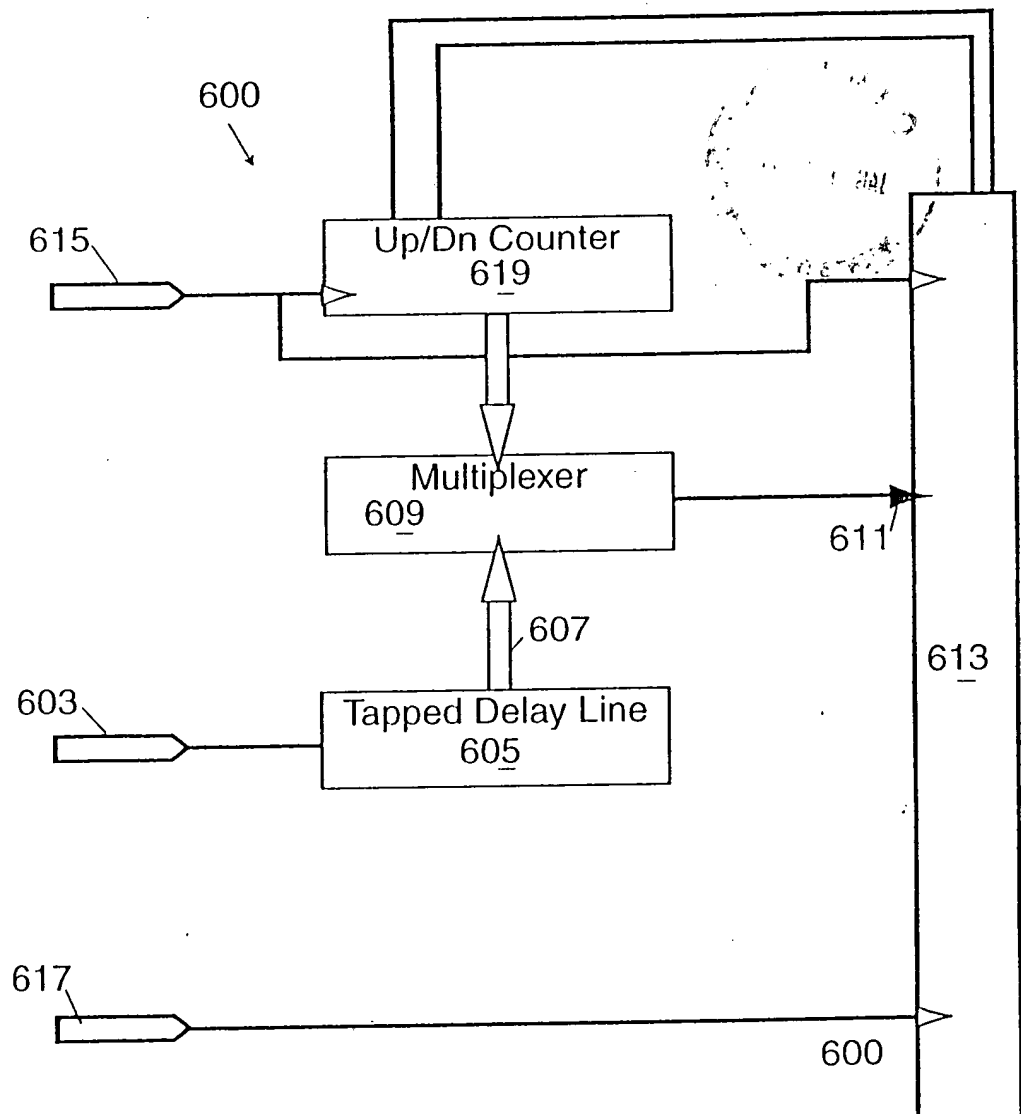


Fig. 5c

9/28



*Fig. 6*



10/28

700

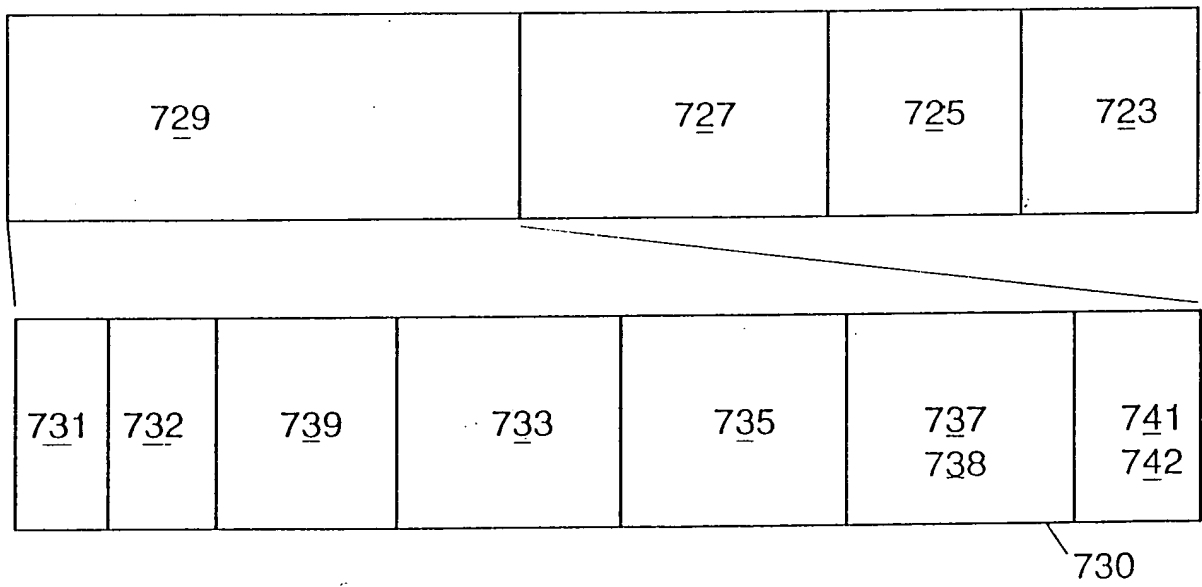
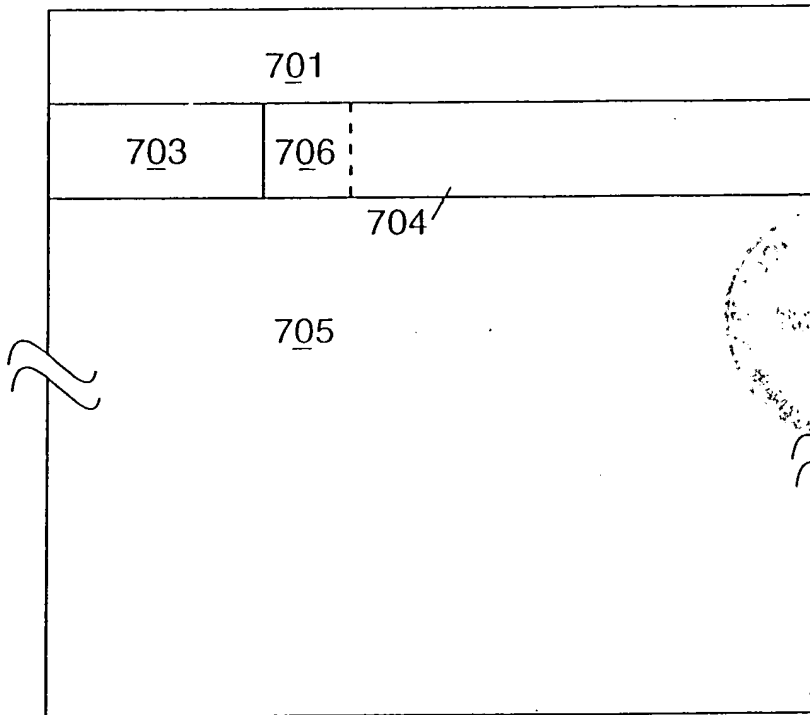


Fig. 7

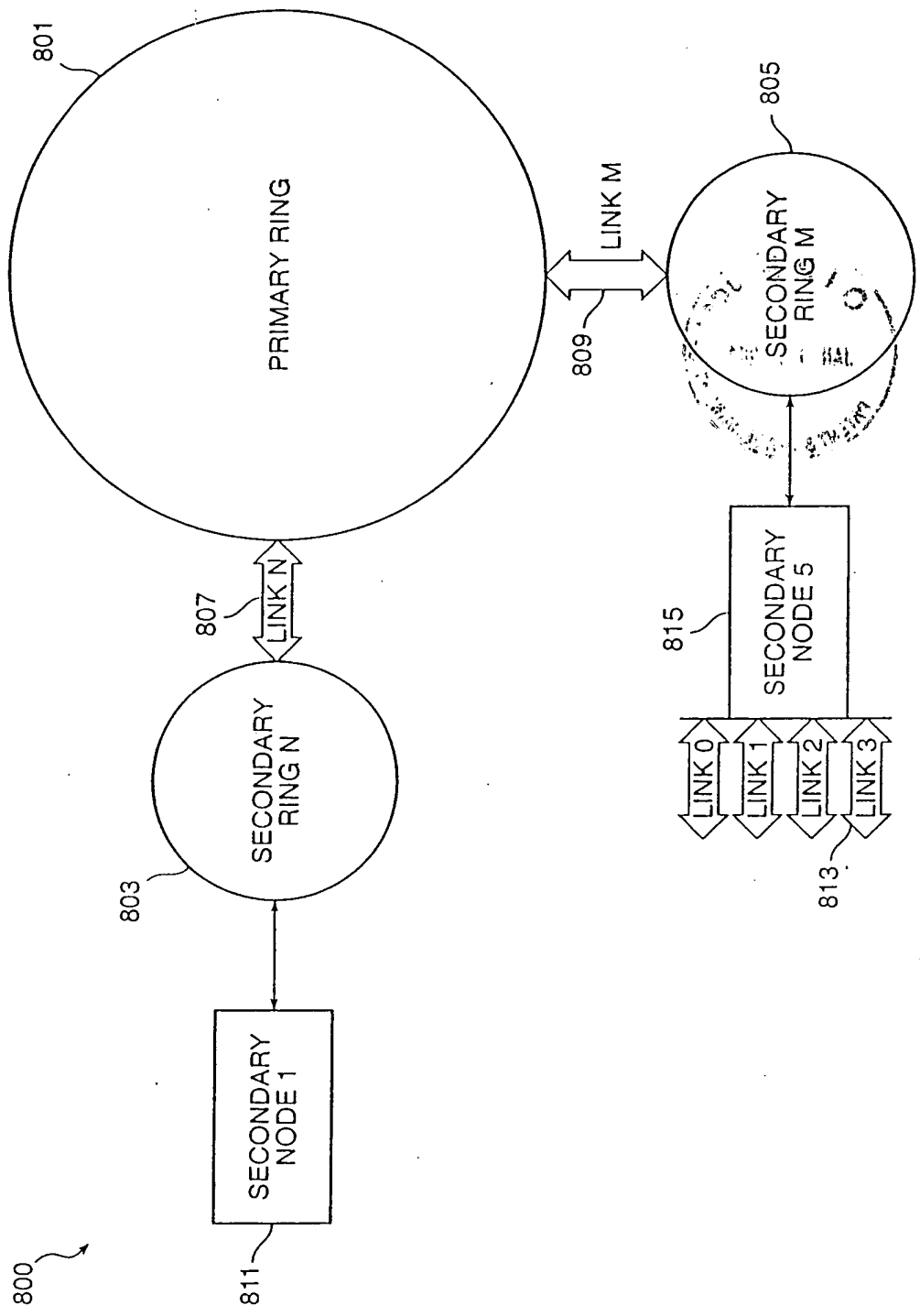


FIG. 8

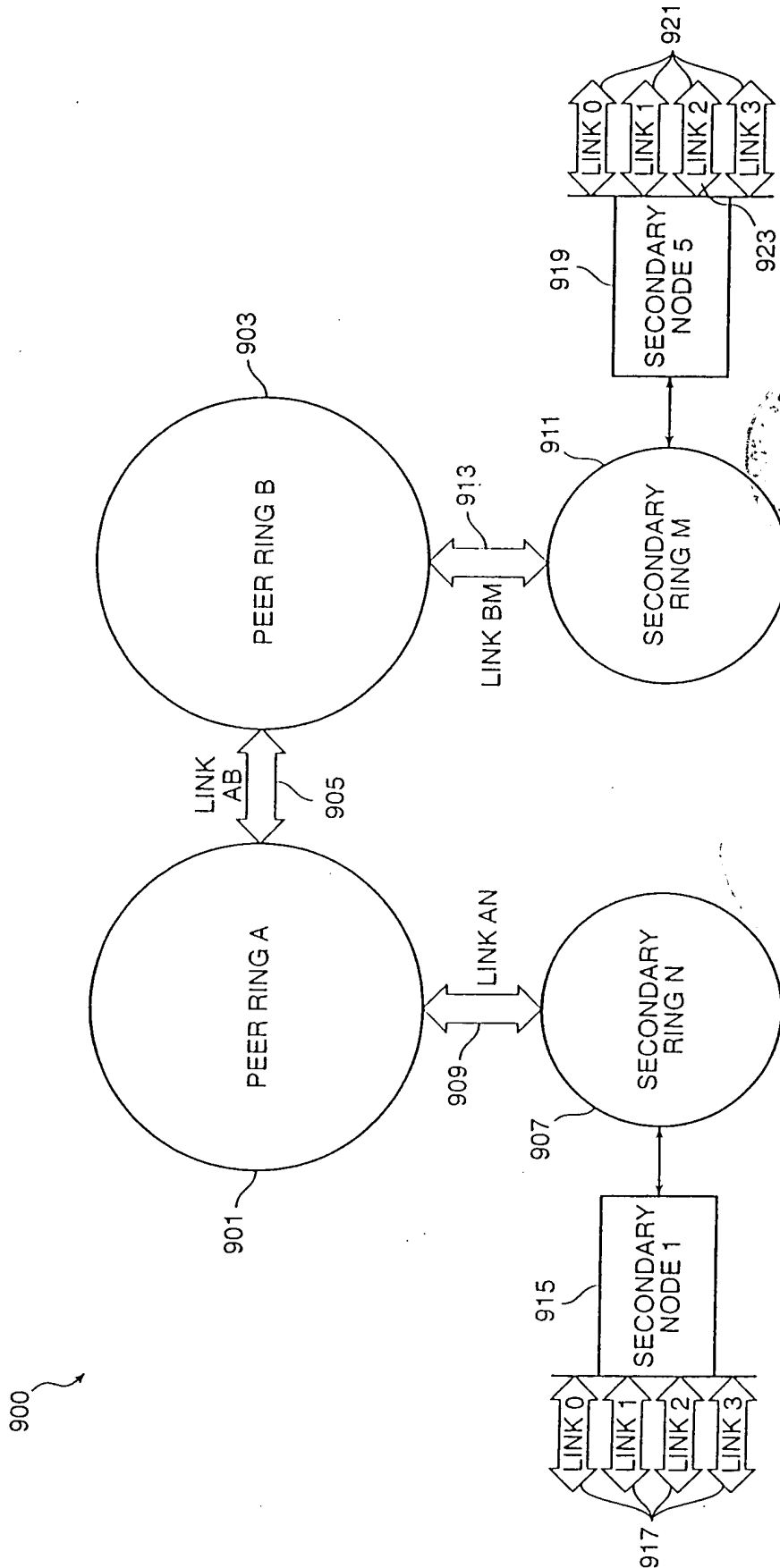


FIG. 9

13/28

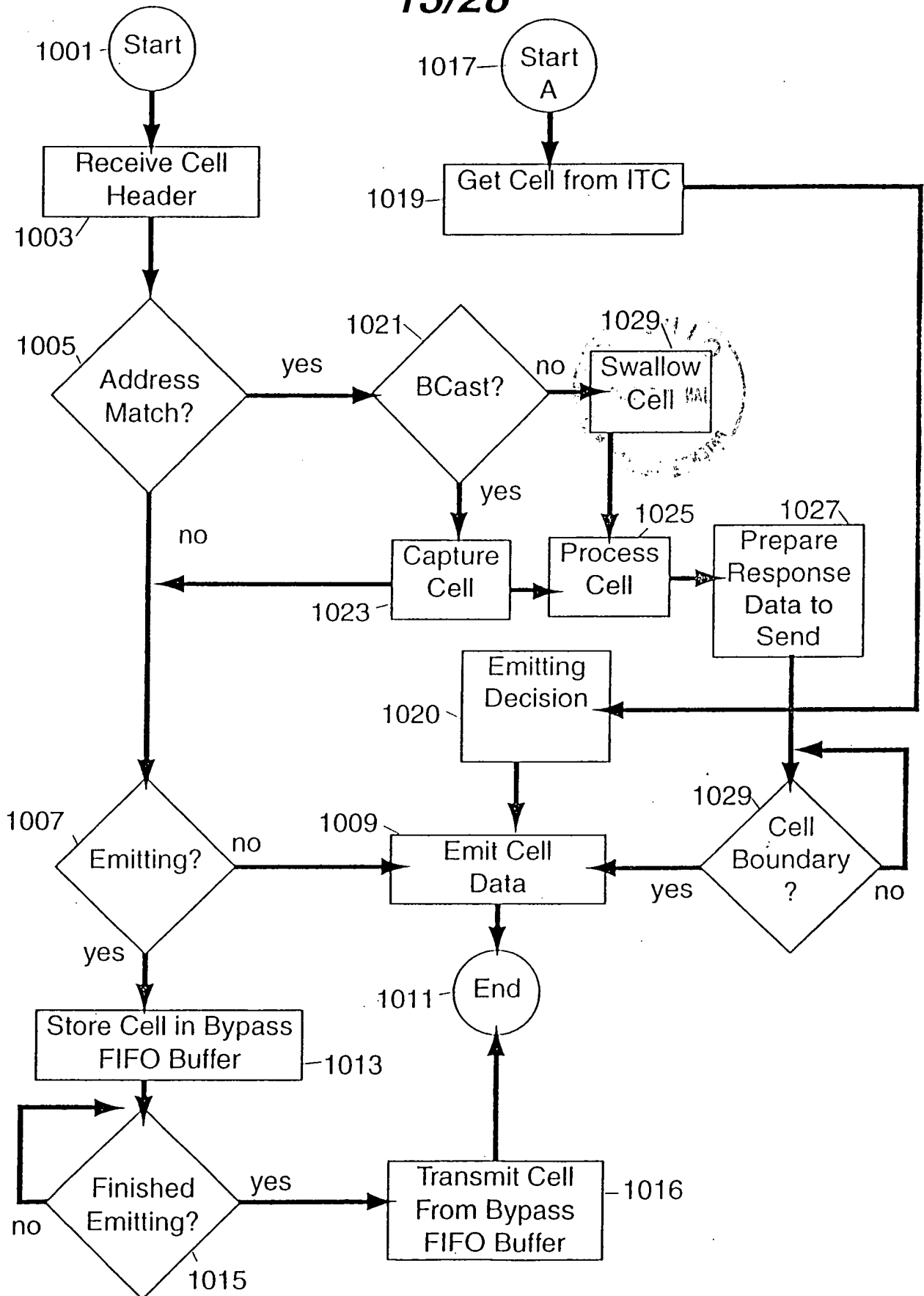


Fig. 10

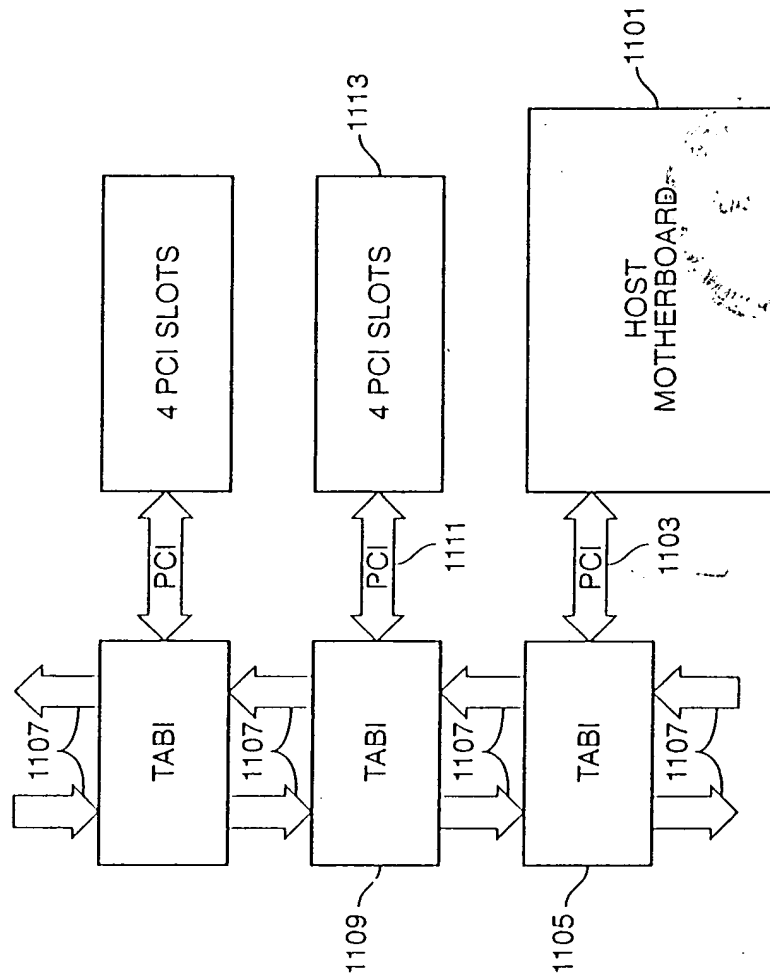


FIG. 11

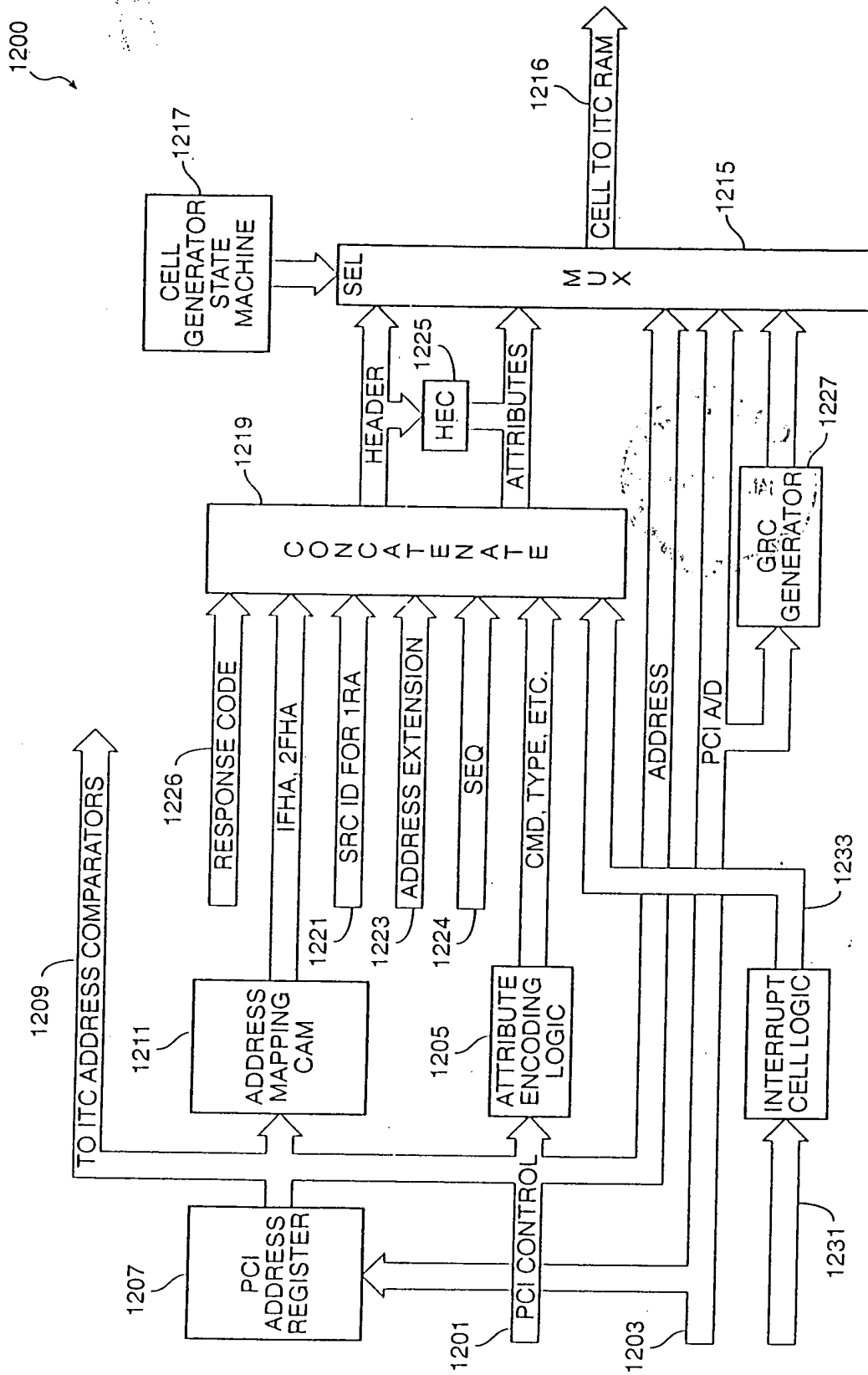


FIG. 12a

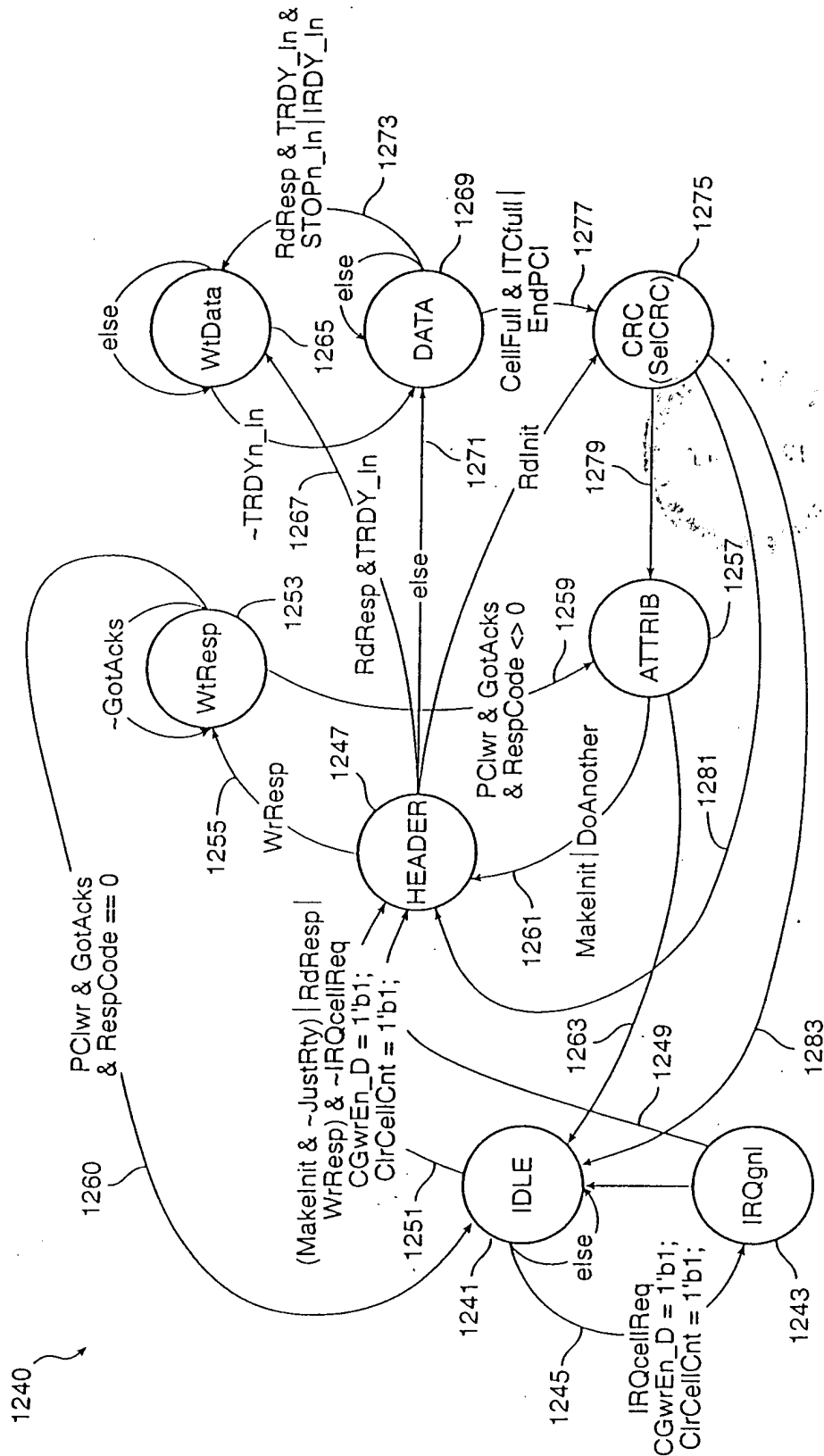


FIG. 12b

17/28

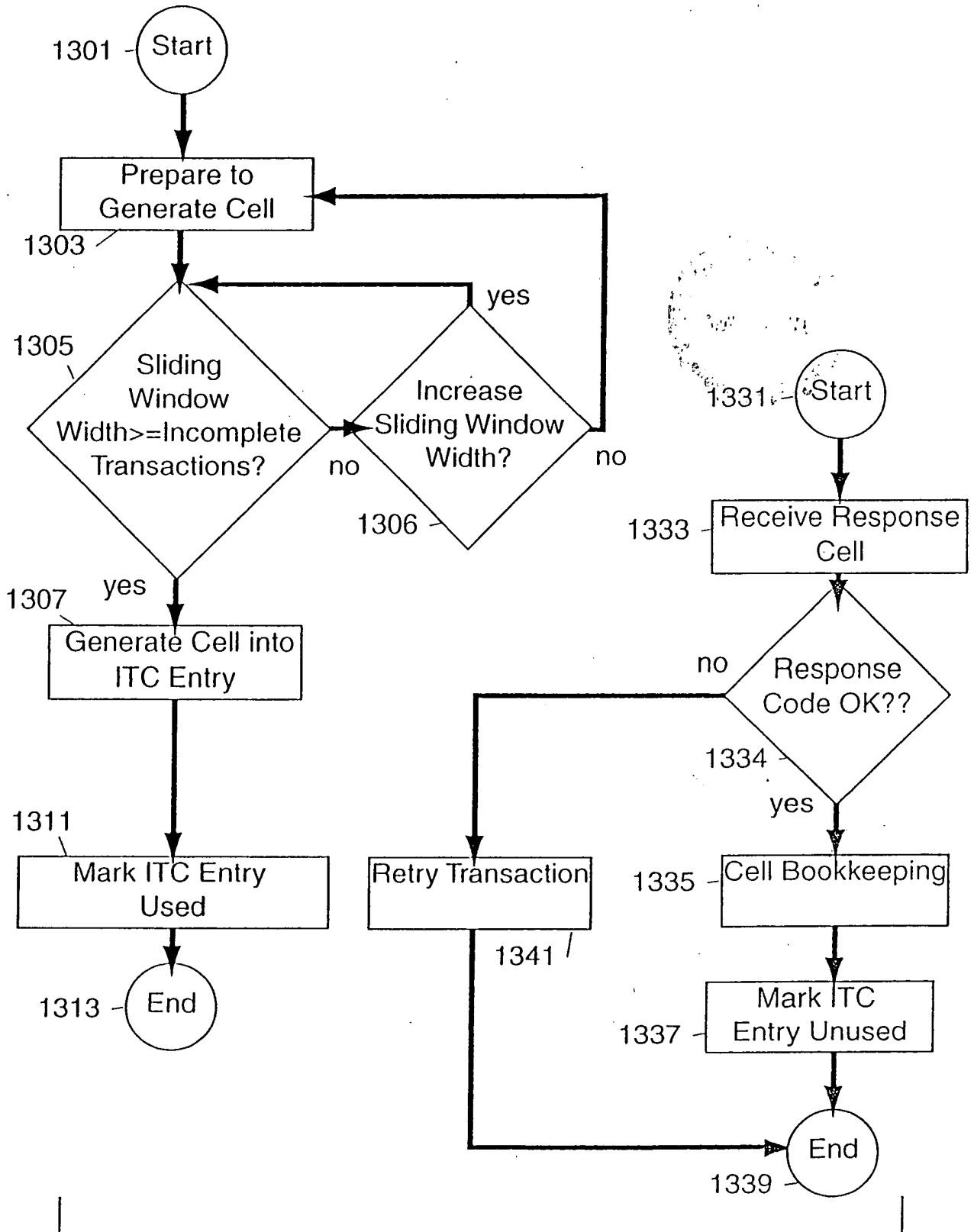


Fig. 13a



18/28

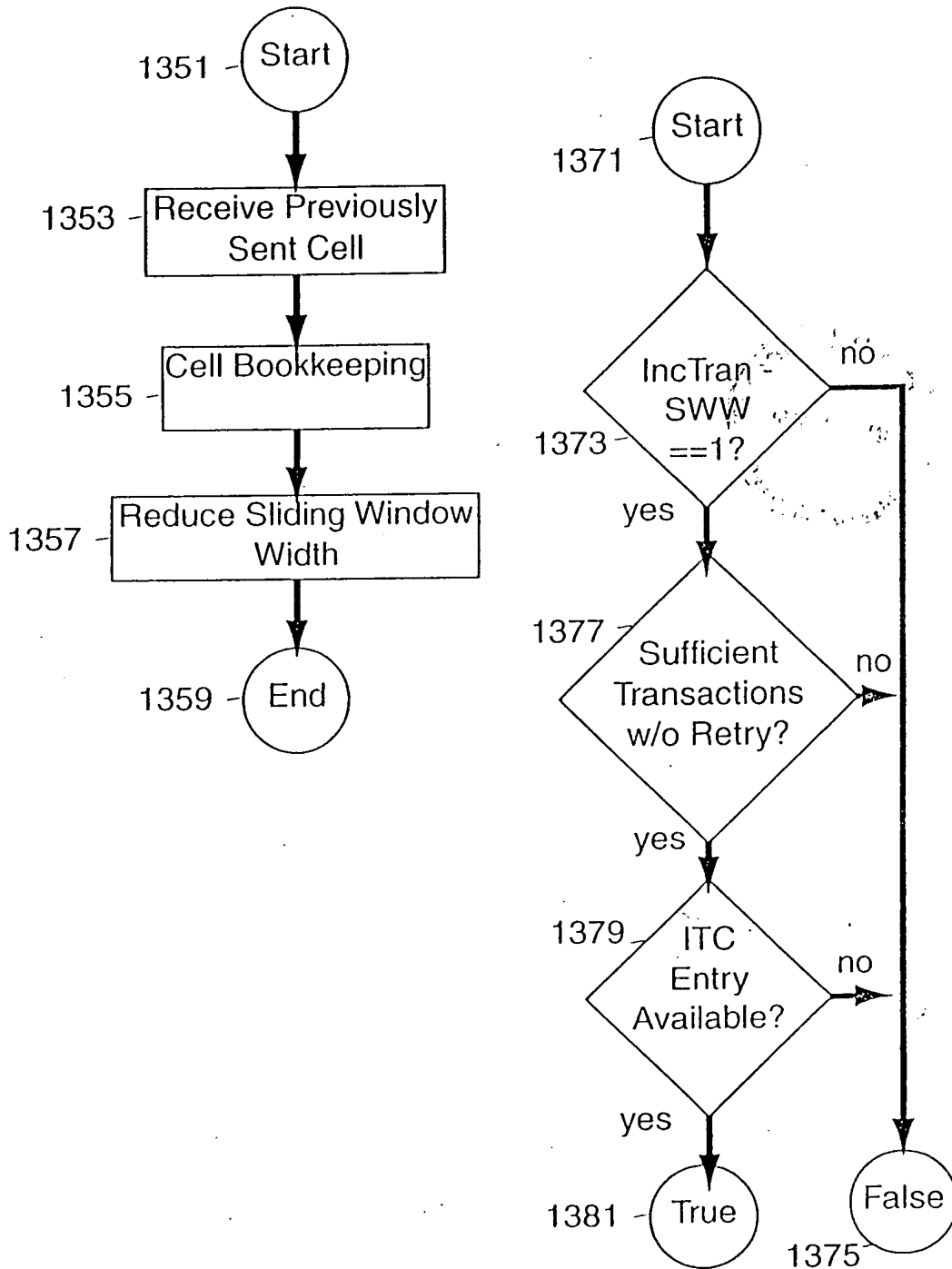


Fig. 13b

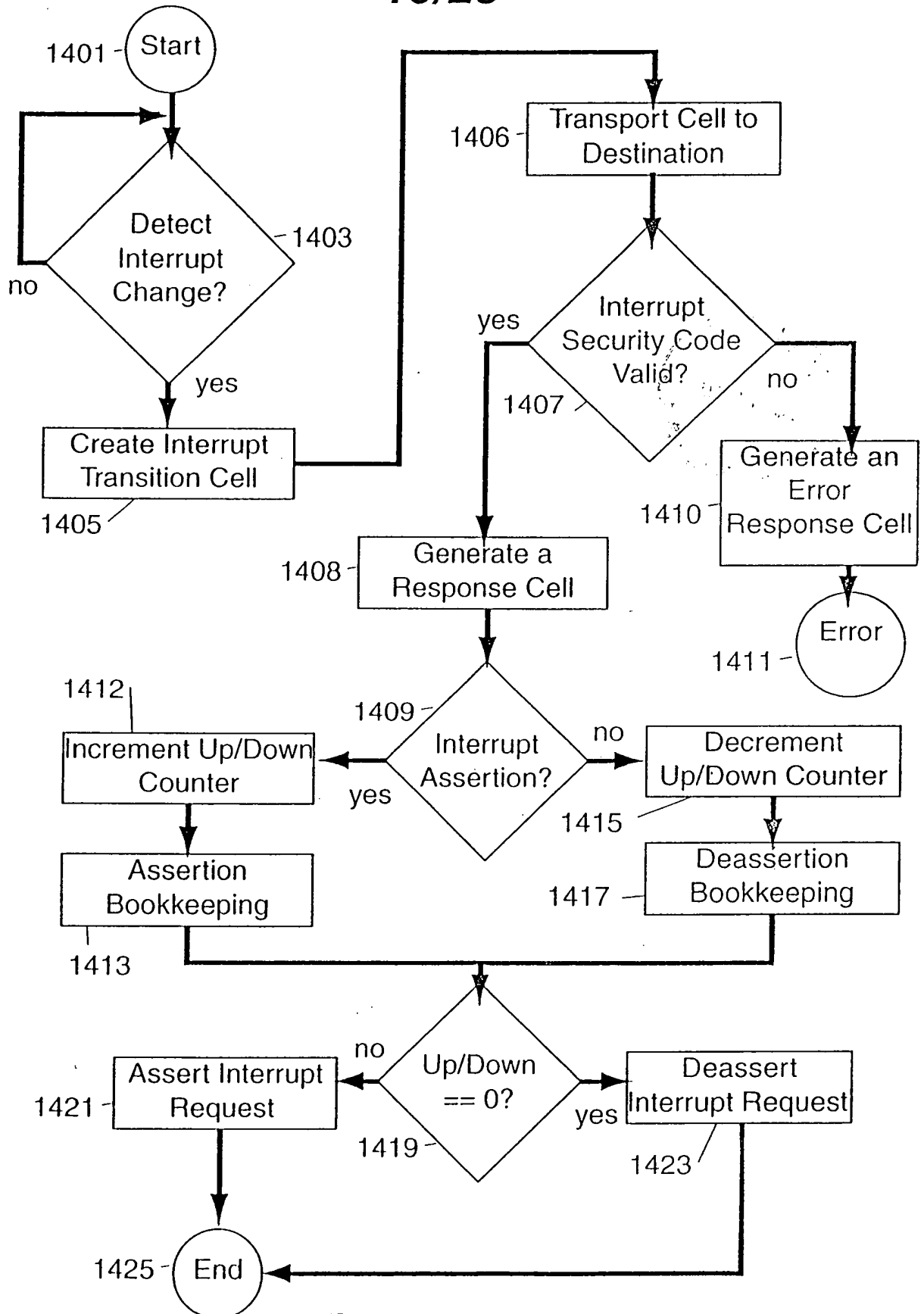
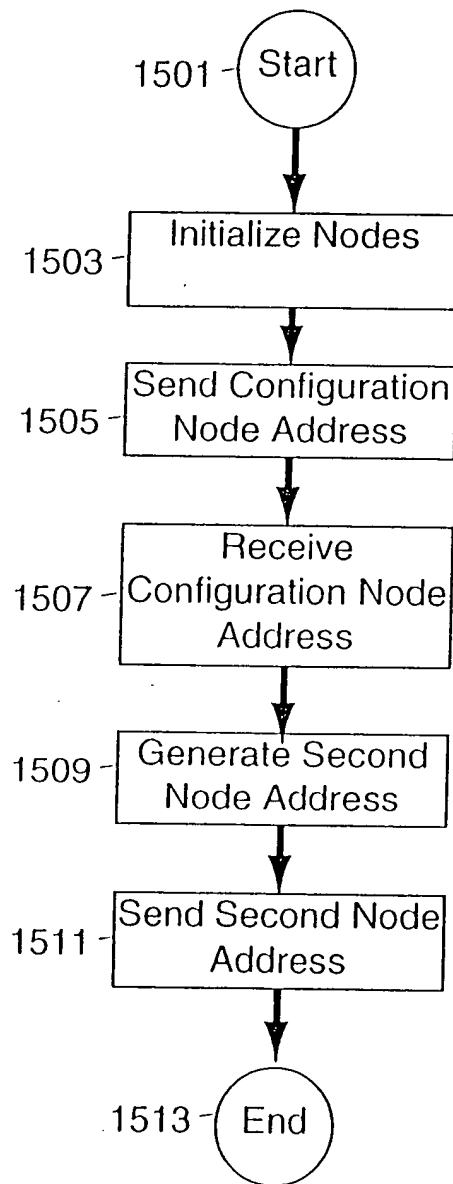


Fig. 14

20/28



**Fig. 15**

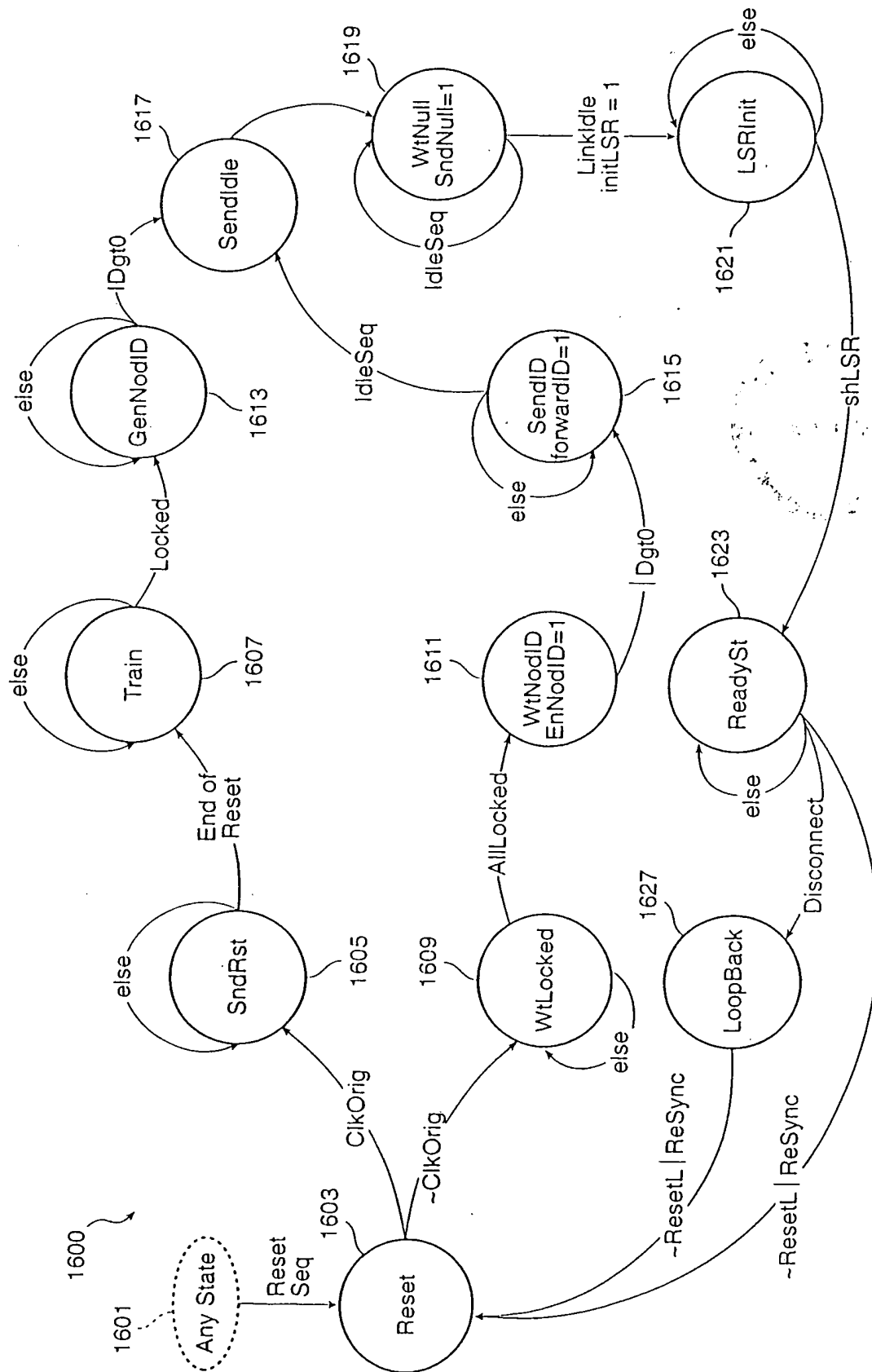


FIG. 16

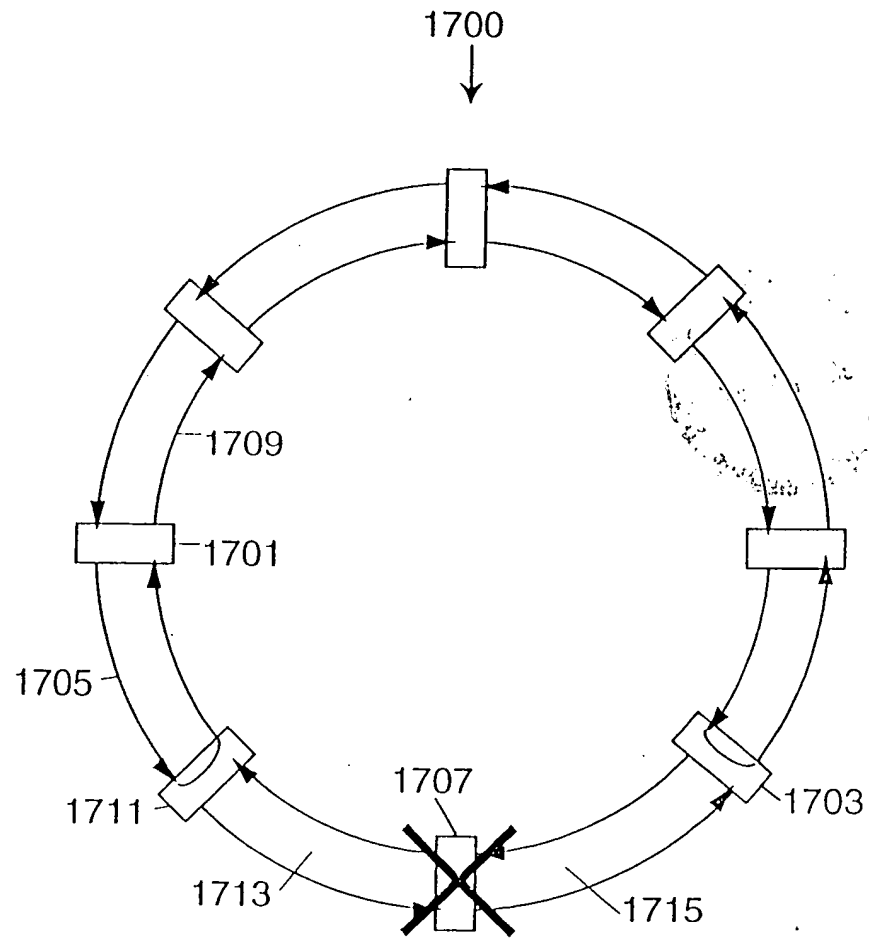


Fig. 17

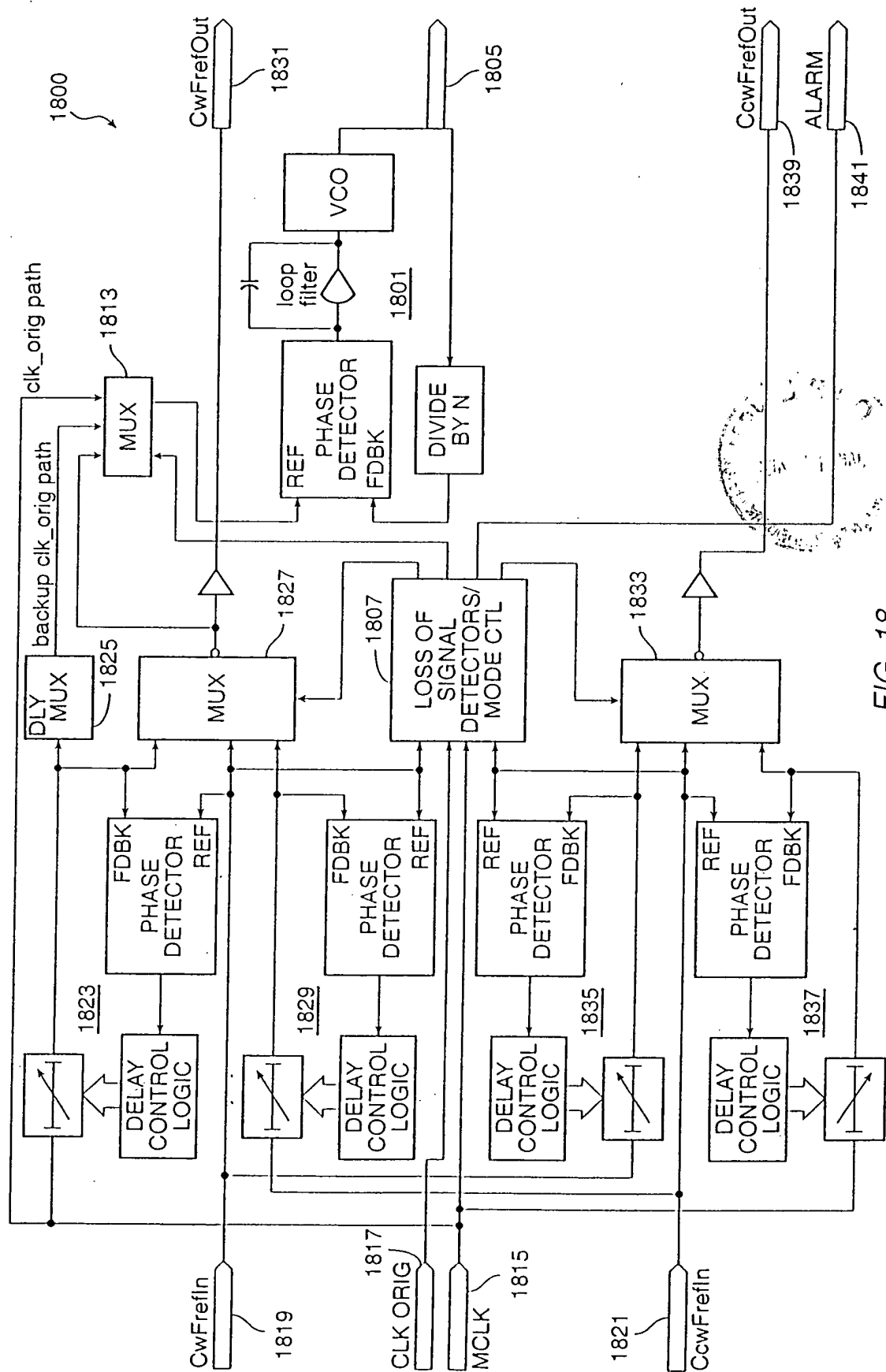


FIG. 18

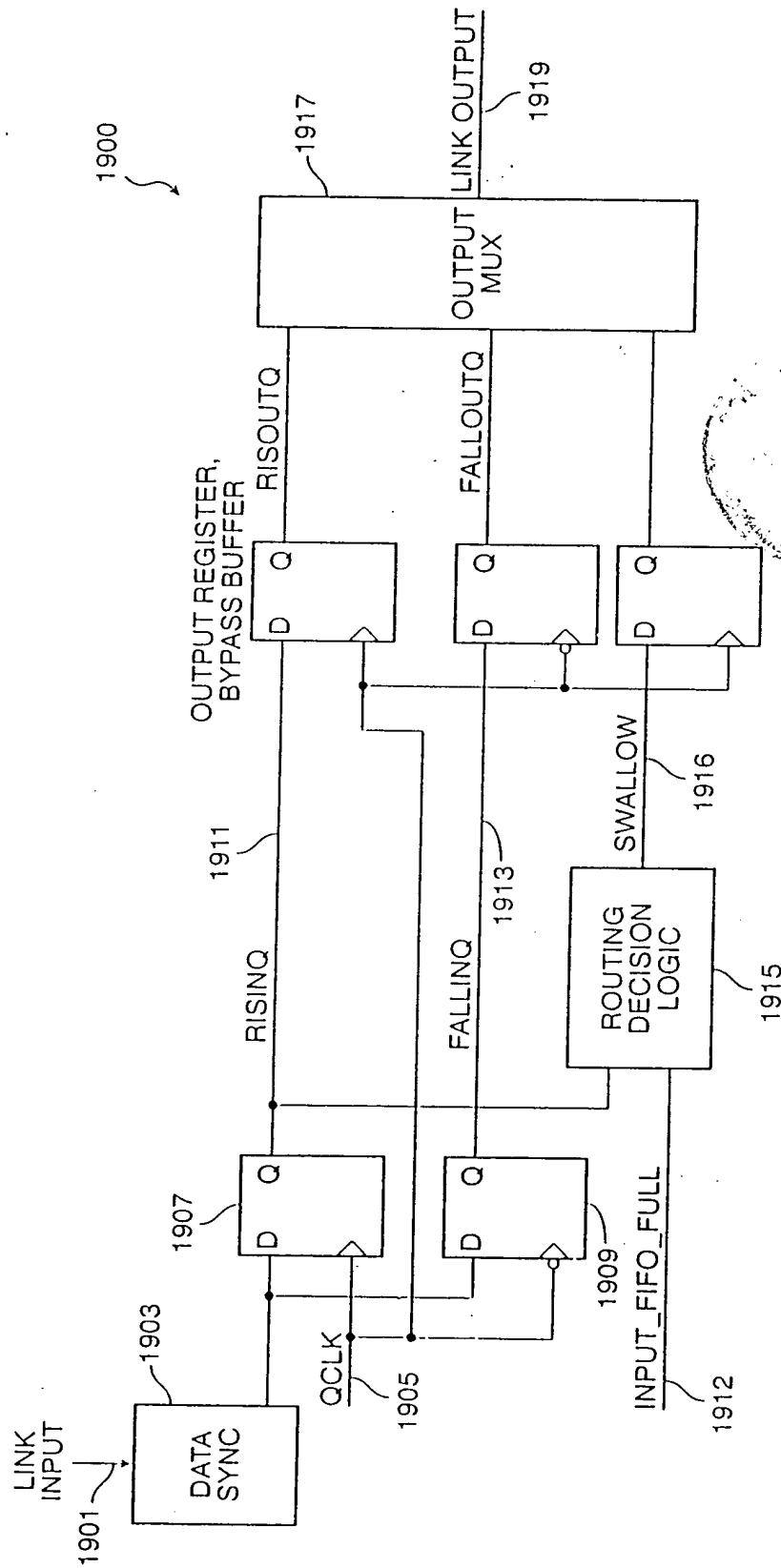


FIG. 19a

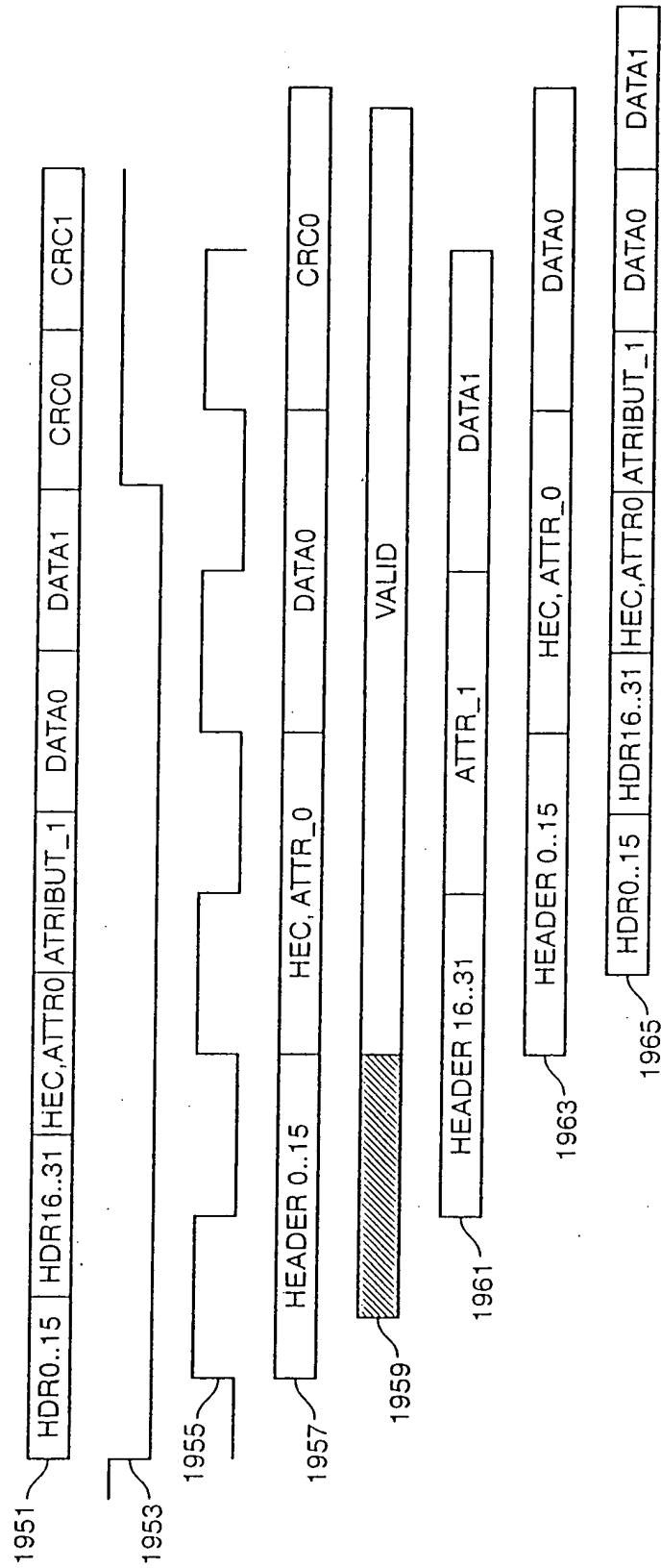


FIG. 19b



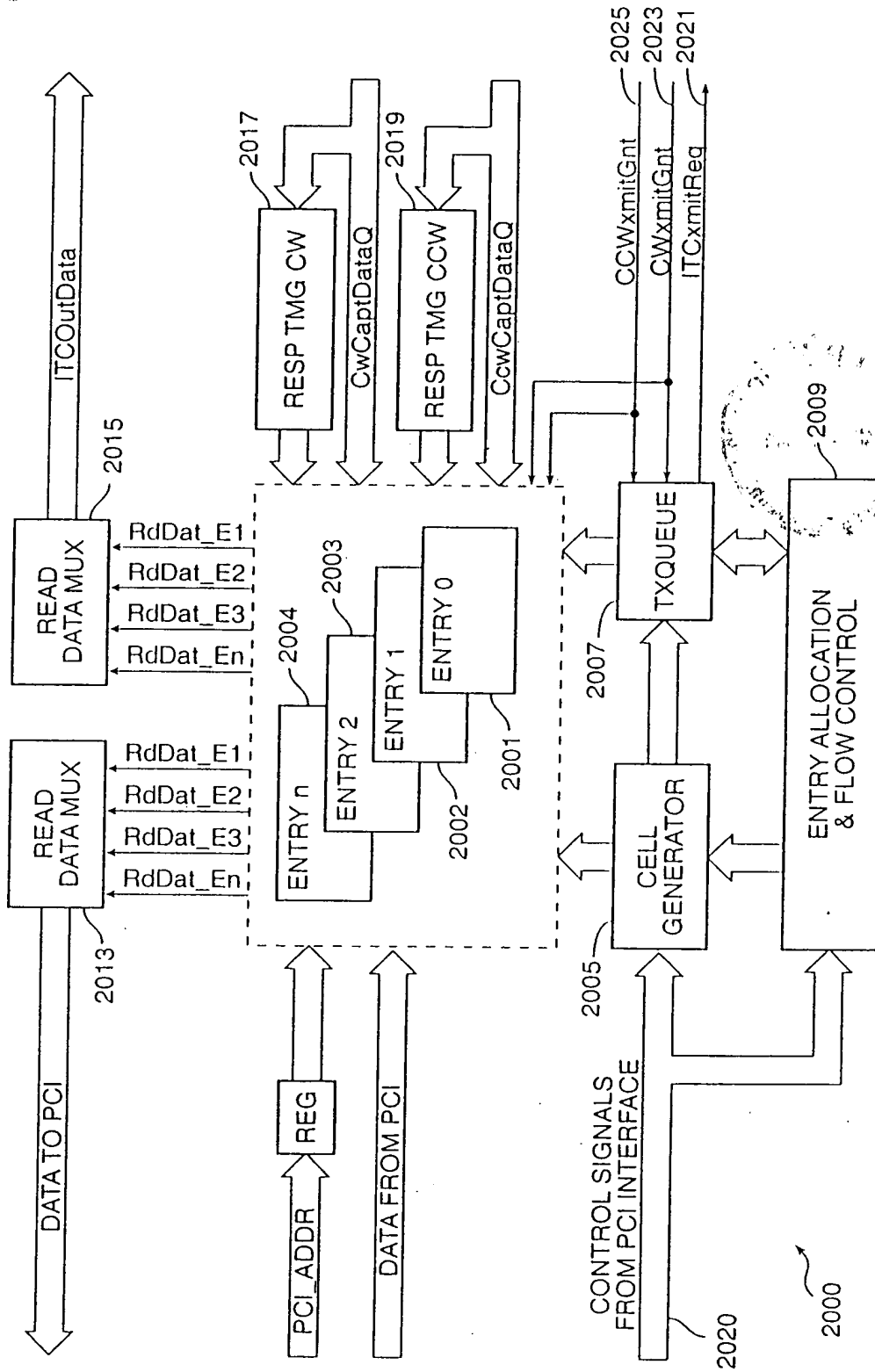


FIG. 20

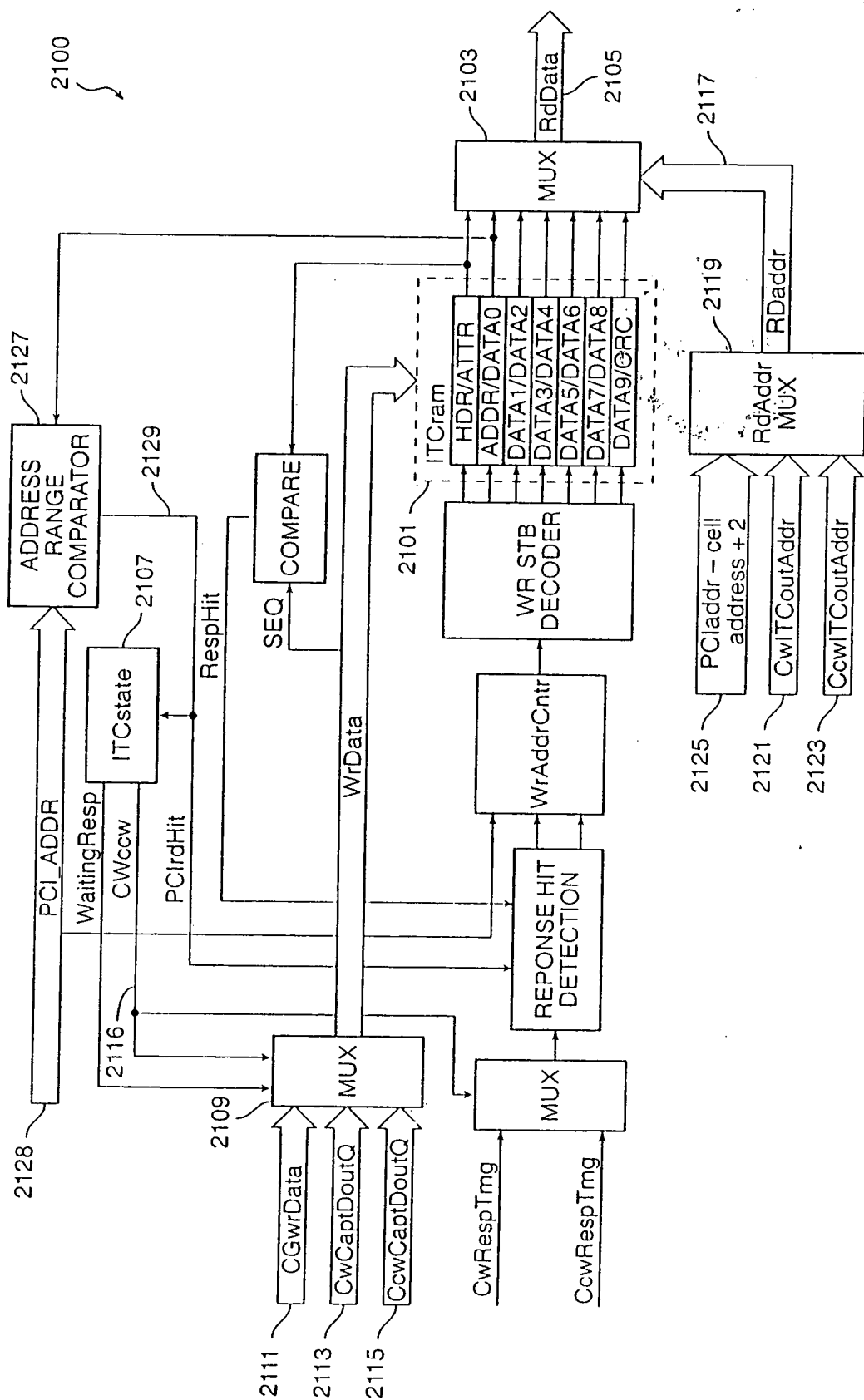


FIG. 21

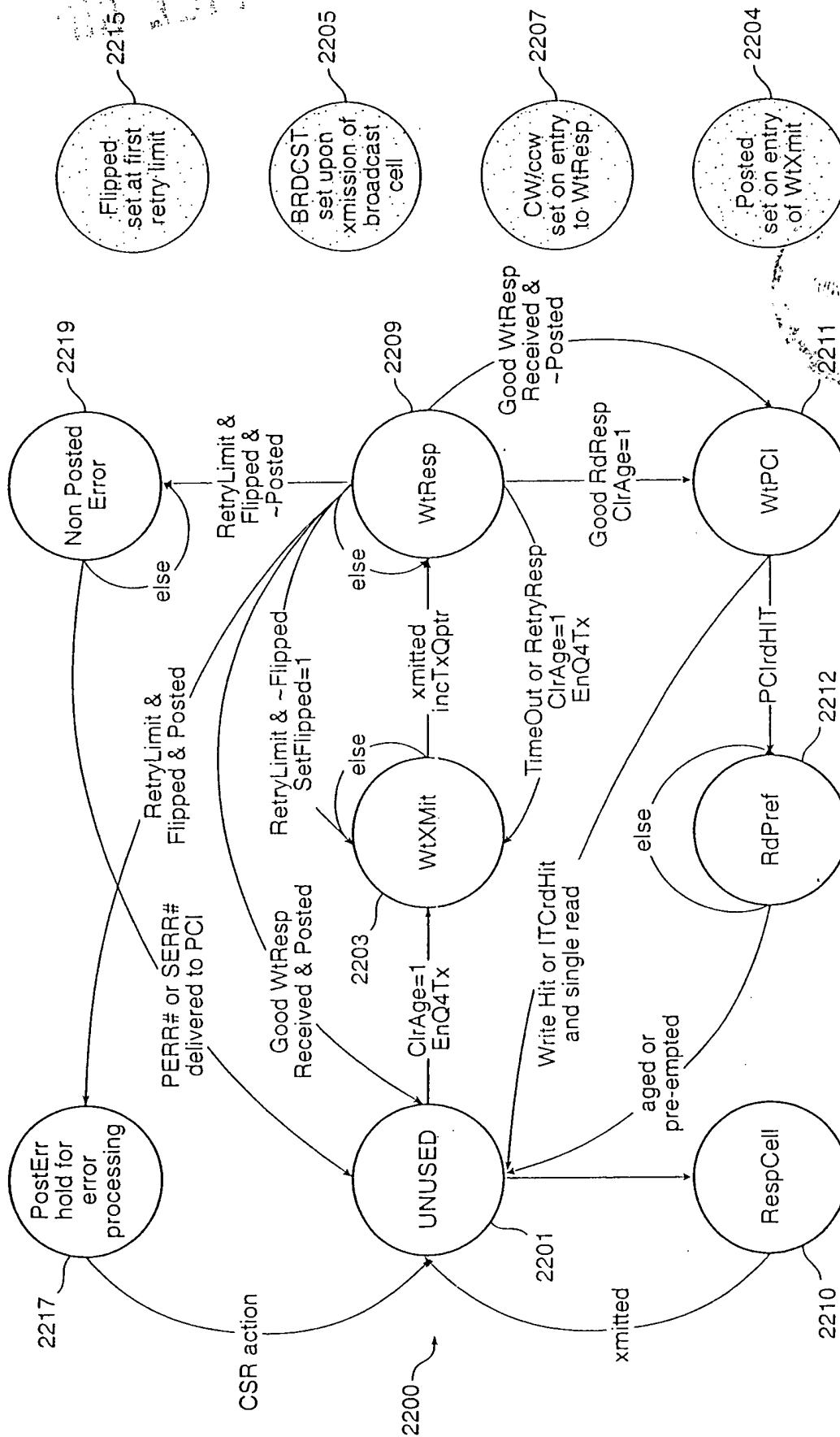


FIG. 22